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New Hope Church. Nov. the 18th 1795.

The Presbytery of Orange met agreably to an order of Synod.

Members present, the Rev. Messrs Henry Pattillo, David Caldwell, William Moore, James McGready, James A Bowman, and William Hodge.

With the Elders Messrs John Freeland, Henry Ross, and Michael Mitchel.

Members absent, the Rev. Messrs Colin Lindsay, John Robinson, Samuel Stanford, David Kerr, and Angus McGeachy.

The Rev Henry Pattillo moderator by Synodical appointment.

Constituted with prayer.

The Revd James Bowman was chosen moderator, and William Hodge Clerk.

Messrs. Oliham Thompson, and Wm McGee delivered a Lecture each on the subjects assigned them by Presbytery previous to ordination, which were sustained as parts of trial.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 8 o'clock AM.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Nov 19.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer

Messrs Thomson, & McGee each delivered a Sermon, which were sustained as parts of trial.

They were also examined on Chronology, Church Hystory, & Divinity in general; which examinations were also sustained as parts of trial.

The Rev William Hodge agreably to order of Synod preached the ordination Sermon, from Heb. 13. 17.

And Messrs Thomson & McGee having answered such Questions as our form of Government requires in such cases, they were ordained to the holy office of the Gospel ministry, by the laying on the hands of the Pres. and prayer. And the Rev Henry Pattillo gave a Charge suitable to the occasion.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow 8 o'clock

Concluded with prayer.

Friday. Nov 20.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

Mr John Gillaspie delivered a Lecture & Sermon on the Subject assigned him by last Stated Sessions of Pres. previous to Licensure, which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr Gillaspie was also examined on Divinity in general, which examination was sustained.

Mr John Gillaspie having gone thro' the trials assigned by Presbytery, & having answered the Questions appointed to be put to candidates previous to licensure Presbytery licensed him to preach the everlasting Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry.

Messrs Robert Foster and Robert Tate delivered each a Sermon & an Exegesis on the Subjects assigned them at last Stated Sessions of Presbytery, which were sustained as parts of trial.

They were also examined on Original Sin, and Providence, which examinations were sustained as parts of trial

Ordered that Mr Tate prepare a Lecture on the 5th Psalm, and a Sermon on Zecha. 12. 10.

Mr Foster a Lecture on the 14th Psalm and a Sermon on Gall. 6. 9. to be delivered at our next Stated Sessions of Presbytery, previous to licensure.

The Rev James McGready was appointed Stated Clerk of this Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Hawfields Church on the first Tuesday in April 1796.

Concluded with prayer

James D Bowman Mod.

William Hodge Clerk.

Hawfields Church April 5th 1796.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjourn=
=ment.

Members present the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, James McGready, James A Bowman, William Hodge, John Robinson and William Thompson. Dan Moore

With the elders Messrs Robert Hannah, John Craig, James Carson, and John Allen.

Members absent the Rev Messrs Colin Lin=
=say, Henry Pattillo, Angus McDearmid, Samuel Stanford & David Kerr.

Constituted with prayer.

Mr Barton Stone preached a sermon which was sustained as a part of trial

The Rev David Caldwell was chosen Moderator. And James McGready Clerk.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 9 Oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday April 6th

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev William McGee requested dismission from this Presbytery, and obtained it.

Messrs Stone, Foster & Tate delivered discourses on the

Subjects assigned them at our last stated Sessions of Presbytery. and were examined on divinity in general. which discourses & examinations were sustained as parts of trial, previous to Licensure.

Messrs Barton Stone, Robert Foster and Robert Tate having gone thro the trials assigned them by Presbytery with approbation and having adopted the Confession of faith of this church; and satisfactorily answered the questions, appointed to be put to candedates to be licensed; the Presbytery did license them to preach the gospel of Christ, as probationers for the holy ministry; within the bounds of this Pres. or wherever they shall be orderly called.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 8 Oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday april 7th

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

Mr Andrew Caldwell delivered a sermon on a subject previously assigned him by Presbytery, which was sustained as a part of trial.

Ordered that Andrew Caldwell prepare a Sermon on 1 Peter 5. 10 and an exegesis, also an examination on Original Sin, the Being & attributes of God & Providence against our next stated Sessions of Presbytery.

As certain things have reached Presbytery respecting the Rev Colin Lindsay's moral character, reproachfull & injurious to religion. The Rev James A. Bowman is appointed to travel thro' Mr Lindsay's bounds, as a missionary authorized to enquire into the truth of those reports relative to Mr Lindsays moral Character, if he finds there is sufficient testimony to exhibit & support a charge against Mr Lindsay, he is ordered to issue a citation for him, and for such persons as may express a willingness to come forward, & give evidence in the case. If the objects above are not attained Mr Bowman is to bring forward in writing what information he can obtain to our next sessions of Presbytery.

Messrs Thompson & Tate are appointed to supply Mr Bowman's pulpit one sabbath each, in his absence on his mission thro' Mr Lindsay's bounds.

Messrs Anderson & Paisley to preach at discretion.

Mr Tate to supply one sabbath at each of the following places, Cross Roads Randolph, & Mt Washington.

Mr Stone one sabbath at Limestone.

Mr Foster one sabbath at Clear Run in Montgomery County.

Adjourned to meet at Buffaloe Church the last Tuesday in September 1796.

David Caldwell Ma.

Concluded with Prayer

Jas. McGready Clk.

Buffaloe Church Sept. 27th 1796.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment.

Members present the Rev. David Caldwell, David Kerr, Samuel Stanford, James A Bowman, John Robinson, William Hodge, & William Thompson.

Elders Messrs. John Armstrong, John Freeland, & James Maxwell.

Members absent the Rev Henry Pattillo, Colin Lindsay, James McGready, & William Moore. & ~~Samuel Stanford~~.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Samuel Stanford was chosen Moderator and John Robinson Clerk.

The Minutes of our last stated sessions were read

The Rev David Kerr made known to Presbytery a desire, & an expectation of leaving their bounds, also his intentions of relinquishing the character of a presbyterian Clergyman, therefore he wishes (and his wishes are complyed with) that his name be erased from the Presbyterial Book.

The Rev James A Bowman was called upon to know whether he had fulfilled his missionary appointment, he had not, his reasons for deficiency were sustained.

In August last the Rev James McGready made application to the moderator, that citation might be issued for the several members of Presbytery to

constitute an intermediate Presbytery, alledging that he had sufficient reasons to lay before them to grant him a dismission from his charge, the moderator called an intermediate Presbytery which met at Haw River, and their minutes are as follows.

Haw River Church august 9th 1796.

The Intermediate Presbytery met on the call of the moderator.

Members present the Rev David Caldwell, William Moore & William Hodge.

With Mr Rankin Elder.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev David Caldwell Moderator.

The Presbytery called upon the Rev James McGready to lay before them his reasons for requesting a dismission from his pastoral charge, whilst Messrs Harriet & Barr chosen by the congregation were present to hear and answer. Presbytery after hearing Mr McGready's reasons, & Messrs Barrs & Harriets answers resolved to dismiss him. tho' they disapproove of Mr McGready's hasty preparation for a removal, his not giving his people timely and public notice of his intended departure, and the absence of so many members of Presbytery; yet the members present do judge it expedient he be dismissed from his pastoral charge, & therefore dismissed him.

Concluded with prayer

David Caldwell Mod.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow 9 Oclock, A.M.

Concluded with Prayer

Wednesday Sept. 28. 1796.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with Prayer.

Messrs John Rankin, William Paisley, & Robert Tate, were called on to know how, & where they had bestowed their Labors since the last stated Sessions of Presbytery; their answers were satisfactory to the Presbytery.

An Application was made from the Raft Swamp and Haw River for supplies.

Ordered that Messrs Paisley, Gillaspie & Tate supply two Sabbaths each at Haw River Church.

also Messrs Paisley & Gillaspie one Sabbath at each of the following Places Raft Swamp, Shoe heel, Laurelhill, and Ashpole.

Messrs Paisley, Gillaspie, & Tate are appointed to supply one Sabbath each at Washington and Limestone.

Common fame reached this Presbytery which charged the Rev Colin Lindsay with intoxication, profane swearing, & an intention of duelling; the Pres. do therefore ordered that Mr Patrick Smith & Archd. Murphy take a copy of the minutes with a citation from the moderator, both which are to be delivered to Mr Lindsay citing him to appear at our next Stated Sessions of Presbytery, & the delivery of the above to Mr Lindsay to be made in the presence of two

or three witnesses.

Ordered also that Messrs Patrick Smith and arch.d Murphy cite the following persons to come forward at our next stated sessions of Presbytery to support the charges against M.r Lingay. Viz Mary M.cHall, John M.cHall, Margaret Torry, Archibald M.cMillin, Malcolm M.cNeil, Arch.d Currie, Angus Gilchrist, Dan.l Carmichael, James Smith, Arch.d Farly, Arch.d Murphy, & Duncan M.cFarland.

Ordered that each member of Presbytery come forward at our next stated sessions of Presbytery prepared to defray the expenses of a commissioner to the general assembly.

Ordered that M.r M.cAdow supply one Sabbath at Haw River & one at Randolph.

The Rev James D Bowman is chosen Stated clerk of this Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Raft Swamp Church on the first wednesday in march next.

Concluded with prayer

Sam.l Stanford M.o.
John Robinson Clk.

Raft Swamp Church March 1.st 1797.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment.

Members present, the Rev. David Caldwell, Sam.l Stanford, Colin Lingay, John Robinson, William Hodge, James D. Bowman, William Moore, Angus M.cDearmed & William Thompson.

With the Elders Messrs Sam.l Gillaspie, Patrick M.c=Alpin, David Fawcet, John Strain & Alex.r Anderson.

Members absent the Rev Henry Pattillo.

The Presbytery was opened by the Rev Sam.l Stanford our last moderator with a sermon from Titus 2. 11.12.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev David Caldwell was chosen moderator, and John Robinson Clerk.

The Minutes of last stated Sessions of Presbytery were read.

Messrs Paisley, Gillaspie, & Tate were called upon to know whether they had pulfilled their appointments. they were fulfilled.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow 10 o'Clock

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday March 2.d

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev William Hodge is appointed Treasurer of this Presbytery.

Ordered that every member bring forward every Spring Sessions of Pres.y five Dollars & give it into the hands of the Treasurer to defray the expenses of a Commissioner to the General Assembly.

The Rev. Colin Linsay, & the witnesses cited to support the charges against Mr Linsay being present. Proc. proceeded to take their depositions.

Mr Arch.d McMullen being duly sworn saith on oath that he never saw Mr Linsay lying by with liquor as incapable of preaching, praying, & officiating in his office. he farther saith he was at Mr McCahens when Mr Linsay & Angus Gilchrist quarrelled, & heard Mr Linsay call for pistols.

Mr Malcolm McNeil being duly sworn saith on oath that he saw Mr Linsay in such a situation that he was persuaded he had drank too much, from his talk, and his injisting on others to drink.

Mr Daniel Carmichael being duly sworn saith on oath that Mr Linsay & Gilchrist went out of Mr McCahens house & spoke in anger, Mr Linsay called for pistols and offered to fight Gilchrist.

Mr Angus Gilchrist being duly sworn saith on oath that he never heard Mr Linsay swear profanely, but that it is commonly reported he does, he also says that at Mr McCahens, Mr Linsay was either intoxicated, or mad, & if there had been no liquor present he believes he would not have called for pistols, for Gilchrist gave Mr Linsay no ill language.

Mr James Smith being duly sworn saith on oath that he saw some symtoms of intoxication when Mr Linsay was moving, after he got to his own house he fell down on the floor, which he supposed to be the effect of Spirits ——

Mr Arch.d Farly being duly sworn saith on oath that Mr Linsay came to his house with another man, after some conversation he went to bed, & there said, he did not know what came over him whilst in a Devils house, Mr Linsay also said that the English ministers were ministers of the Devil, & english Elders, were Elders of the Devil, Mr Linsay got out of bed & said that Mr Farly had turned from God to the Devil, & that he gave him up to the Devil, he called to his companion to get their horses, & they would go, observing that Mr Farly had reason to be thankfull for his Plantation, & children, but before a fortnight, he would bring destruction upon him, he farther saith that he cannot remember the 10th part of what Mr Linsay said, he supposes that Mr Linsay was angry with him, because he had subscribed to an english minister.

Mr Duncan McFarland being duly sworn saith on oath that he has seen Mr Linsay as he supposes in a very unhappy situation with liquor, he farther saith that Mr Linsay said at his house that if he thought God would not punish the McGlaughlins in another words for the manner in which they had treated him, he would quit his cause & turn hangman; & Mr Linsay also said that if Gilchrist had not been a Coward, he would have tried lives with him.

Mr John Mulloy being duly sworn saith on oath that Mr Linsay gave a general abuse in Lumbridge congregation, from the pulpit, & said if those who were disaffected did not forsake the church he would, this deponent he called an infernal rascal, asked him how he dared to call in question his life & conversation; he called him a Jew, a Pharisee, a Persecutor of Christs church, a Devil, Mr Linsay said he would beat him to the earth & knock up his heels like a puppy. He lifted up his hand & said, I cut you off from God & his church. He also said he would have sacrificed the soul of Gilchrist if he had not been a Coward.

Mr Mcallister Cor being duly sworn saith on oath that he is persuaded he has seen Mr Linsay when he had drank too much, that he also heard Mr Linsay say he wished God might not do him good if he ever drank any more in company, & that he saw him drink in company afterwards. further saith that Mr Linsay has expresed his sorrow to him for having drank too much Spirits.

Mr John Mc Fall being duly sworn saith on oath that he saw Mr Linsay fall down in his own house which he believes was the effect of Liquor that in quarreling with Mr McGee he came down flairs & took his Gun which he (Mr Mc Fall) by some means got from him.

Mrs Mary Mc Fall being duly sworn saith on oath that she saw Mr Linsay drinking in company when he was moving, that he grew weak in consequence of fasting and drinking; that she saw him & McGee scuffling about a gun, she believes Mr Linsay did not sleep much that night, being much out of temper.

Mrs Margaret Torry being duly sworn saith on oath that Mr Linsay whilst quarrelling with McGee got hold of his gun, that she & others got it out of his hands.

Presbytery proceeded to hear Mr Linsay's defence by his own request. And after the most mature deliberation it is unanimously determined that the charges against Mr Linsay were substantially supported, & that he be suspended from his ministerial office, untill he gives satisfactory evidences of his sorrow & reformation to this Presbytery & the church at large.

Mr Linsay brought forward his Declinature which was laid with the presbyterial papers.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow o'clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Friday March 3rd

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Samuel Stanford made application for a dismission from his former charges the Rattlesnake & Lumberton congregations the commissioners from those congregations being present & making no objections, Mr Stanford is therefore dismissed.

Robin Linsay charges the Rev Sam. Stanford with lying & prosane swearing.

The Presbytery proceeded to take the depositions of the witnesses which Mr Linsay brought forward to support this charge.

Mr John Campbell being duly sworn saith on oath, that it was reported by Mr Campbell in the Legion at the Broad Marsh, that Mr Stanford should have said if Mr Linsay came to their Sacrament one third of the congregation would not receive the Sacrament.

Mr Campbell being duly sworn saith on oath, that he knows nothing of Mr Stanfords lying. Further he saith on the evening of an election as he & Mr Stanford were about to go home, he supposes his brother said something to Mr Stanford which displeased him, to which Mr Stanford said "take it as you will" he (Stanford) said call on me and I will satisfy you any way, the other replied he might as well call upon him, Mr Stanford replied "by God I will". He further saith that Mr Linsay when asked to assist Mr Stanford at the Sacrament observed there were 20 of the principal members would not partake if Mr Linsay was there, that Mr Stanford had told Mr Mc Dearmid so.

The Presbytery considered the testimony in this case and are of opinion that Mr Linsay has failed to support

the first part of the charges. It is agreed that profane swearing was supported against Mr Stanford.

Ordered that Mr Stanford appear before the Pres. the Congregation being present, & confess his fault, and receive a reproof from the chair. Mr Stanford com=plyed with the judgement of Presbytery.

Ordered that the Rev Messrs Sam[l] Stanford & Angus M[c]Dearmid each supply one Sabbath at the following places, Laurel hill, Ashpole, Raftswamp & Lumberbridge, before our next Stated Sessions.

A Petition from Moore & Cumberland Counties for part of Mr Dun Baxley's labors for one year was handed forward to Presbytery.

A petition from Hanover & Duplin Co[s] came forward for part of Mr Dun Baxley's time for the same term. Ordered that Mr Baxley sup=ply one Sabbath at each place & the rest at discretion.

A Petition from Raftswamp, Laurelhill, Ashpole, & Lumberbridge for Mr J[no] Gillaspie's labors for one year, Ordered that he supply those places.

The Rev James H Bowman, & Dan[l] Gillaspie Elder, are appointed commissioners to the general assembly at their next Sessions.

Ordered that Messrs Hodge, Moore, Thompson, & Tate supply Mr Bowmans pulpit each two Sabbaths during his absence at the General Assembly.

Adjourned to meet at the Hawfields Church, on the first Wednesday in October 1797.

Concluded with prayer

David Caldwell M.a.

John Robinson Cl[k].

Hawfields Church October 4[th] 1797.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment.

Members present the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, William Moore, William Hodge, James H Bowman, John Robinson, & William Thompson.

With the Elders, Messrs Tho[s] Lanbreth, Black, Patrick Dun, John Armstrong, Strayhorn, & Clark.

Absent Members the Rev Messrs Henry Pattillo, Sam[l] Stanford, and Angus M[c]Dearmid.

Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev John Robinson was chosen Moderator and William Thompson Clerk.

The Minutes of our last Stated Sessions of Presbytery were read.

Calls were presented to Mr John Gillaspie from the Congregations of Centre, Laurill hill, and Raftswamp which he accepted.

The Presbytery ordered Mr John Gillaspie to prepare a Sermon on Isaiah 53. 11. a Lecture on John 15 1—9 Inclusive, & an examination on Chronology Church History, & Divinity in general against our next Stated Sessions of Presbytery.

The Rev John Robertson to preach the ordination Sermon preside & give the charge.

Calls were presented to Mr Sam[l] M[c]Adow from the congregations of Hawfields, and Speedwell which he took under consideration, until our next Stated Sessions of Presbytery.

Four petitions were presented to Presbytery from the congregations of Bethel, Gum swamp, Lumberbridge and Shoebeel, praying the restoration of Mr Lingay to the pastoral office; which petitions after being read were laid on the table: and Presbytery to judge the first orderly step is, that Mr Lingay withdraw his declinature, & submit to the judgment of Presbytery. Mr Lingay withdrew his declinature, & promises to submit to the judg=ment of Presbytery, acknowledges he has acted con=tumaciously, & expresseth sorrow for the same.

An order was received from the Synod of the Carolinas directing to send four ministers and as many Elders from each Presbytery expressly nomi=nated, to Mount Bethel Church to meet on the third Tuesday in November next; in compliance with this order Presbytery do nominate the Rev Messrs William Hodge, William Moore, William Thompson & James H Bowman, with their Elders. Messrs McDaniel, Mitchel, Strayhorn, & Armstrong.

Mr Barton Stone made application for a dismission from this Presbytery, and is there=fore dismissed.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Oct. 5.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer.

Mr Andrew Caldwell read discourses, & was ex=amined on the subjects assigned him by Presbytery which discourses & examinations were sustained as parts of trial.

The Presbytery ordered Mr Andrew Caldwell to prepare as popular trials a sermon on John 3. 19 & a Lecture on the 5th Psalm: to be deli=vered at our next stated sessions; also that he prepare for a general examination on Divinity.

A reference was handed to Presbytery from the Allmance Session, it was remitted to the Session.

The Rev John Robinson presented the request of the people of Washington, & Moore Creek to Rev. requesting that Mr Robt Tate may spend the ensuing twelve months with them. Mr Tate to supply those congregations at discretion.

Each member of Presbytery was ordered to supply two Sabbaths at discretion.

Adjourned to meet at the Raft swamp church on the first Wednesday in march 1798.

Concluded with prayer.

John Robinson Mo.

William Thompson Clk

Raft Swamp Church March 7th 1798.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment.

Members present, the Rev Messrs William Hodge, John Robinson, William Moore, Angus McDearmid, and Samuel Stanford.

With the elders Messrs Daniel Carmichael, Alexander Anderson, & Edward Perry.

Members Absent, the Rev Henry Pattillo, David Caldwell, James Bowman, & William Thompson.

Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev Samuel Stanford was chosen Moderator, and Angus McDearmid Clerk.

The minutes of our last stated sessions of Presbytery were read.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday March 8th

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

Mr John Gillaspie delivered a sermon and Lecture, and examination on the subjects assigned him at our last stated sessions; which were sustained as parts of trial, previous to ordination.

The Rev John Robinson preached the ordination sermon, & Mr John Gillaspie having answered such questions as our book of discipline requires in such cases, he was ordained to the holy office of the gospel

Ministry, by the laying on the hands of Presbytery and prayer, & a charge was given suitable to the occasion, and took his seat as a member of this presbytery.

Mr Saml McAdow accepted the calls from the congregations of Hawfields, & Speedwell which he had under consideration. and the Rev. Messrs David Caldwell, William Hodge & William Moore are appointed an intermediate presbytery to meet at Hawfields Church on the last Thursday in April next to ordain Mr McAdow. the Rev William Moore to preach the ordination sermon preside & give the charge.

Ordered that Mr McAdow prepare a sermon on Micah 6. 8. a Lecture on the 1st Psalm, & an examination on Chronology, Church History, & Divinity in general, previous to ordination.

Ordered that this intermediate presbytery which is to meet at Hawfields, take the case of Mr Ezekiel Currie into consideration.

Mr Colin Lindsay made application to the moderator of last stated sessions of Presbytery, to call an intermediate presbytery to meet at Union Church. This intermediate Presbytery met & the minutes are as follow.

Union Church Nov 13. 1797

The intermediate presbytery met according to the citation of the Moderator.

Members present, the Rev Messrs John Robinson, Samuel Stanford, & Angus McDearmid.

With the elders Messrs Galbraith & Dickson.

Constituted with prayer

The Presbytery having received satisfactory reasons of Mr Lindsay's reformation, his submitting to the Judgment of Presbytery at the Raft Swamp, they have also received from Mr Lindsay personal acknowledgments

of his guilt & repentance, The Presbytery do therefore release Mr Linsay from the sentence of suspension, & restore him to the office of a pastor, & the exercise of his ministerial duties.

Concluded with prayer by Mr Robinson Clk

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 9 oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday March 9th

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

Calls were presented to Mr William Paisley from the Congregations of Buffaloe & Union which he accepted. and the Rev. Messrs Colin Linsay, Angus M'Dearmid, Samuel Stanford & John Gillaspie were appointed an intermediate Presbytery to ordain Mr William Paisley to meet at Buffaloe Church on the 2nd Wednesday in May next: Mr Saml Stanford to preach the ordination sermon preside & give the charge.

Mr William Paisley to prepare a Lecture on Isaiah 35 chapter, a sermon on Song of Sol. 2. 16. & an examination on Chronology, Church Hystory, & Divinity in general, previous to ordination.

Mr Andrew Caldwell delivered a sermon and Lecture & was examined on the subjects assigned him at our last Static Sessions previous to licensure, and having answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates previous to licensure, Pres. licensed him to preach the everlasting Gospel.

The Rev William Thompson was appointed Commissioner to the general assembly.

Mr Edward Pharr signified his desire of being taken under the care of Presbytery, and was examined on experimental religion, on motives leading to the ministry & on literary knowledge which examinations were sustained. Ordered that Mr Pharr prepare a sermon on John 10. 18. against our next Stated Sessions of Presbytery.

Common fame charges the Rev Colin Linsay with excess in drinking Spirituous liquors, unbecoming language to one of his elders, such as traitor, villain, liar, at the same time shaking his whip, & saying "if it were not for my coat I would give it to you" also appearance of anger.

Mr Linsay agreeing that Presbytery now take up this matter they called upon the following witnesses.

Mr Peter M'Cahern being duly sworn saith on oath that he believes Mr Linsay was effected with Liquor when he called him villain, liar, Judas, & an uncircumcised Philistine, & were it not for his coat he would give it to him, but Mr Linsay said I will put my whip behind my back, lest people would say I would strike you.

Mr Neil Brown being duly sworn saith on oath that he did not see Mr Linsay drink too much, but he believes he had drank too much on the day on which he called the last witness villain Liar &c. on going away Mr Linsay said peace or war, for peace, I will give you half a pint, then went away. He further saith that at Mr Wilkinsons Mr Linsay raised up his hands & said My God.

Doctor Jordan being duly sworn saith on oath that Mr Linsay called Mr M'Cahern villain Liar &c. that he put his whip behind his back, & said I do not know but you may bring me before Presbytery for having my whip, that he heard Linsay say to M'Cahern God pity you for what you have done, my cloath prevents me from

further resentment towards you.

Mr John Buie being duly sworn saith on oath that he never saw Mr Linsay in the to free use of spirits, or heard him use the name of God in vain.

Mr Neil Wilkinson being duly sworn saith on oath that he never saw Mr Linsay in Liquor

The Presbytery after mature deliberation on the testimony for & against Mr Linsay, do judge that he is guilty of the whole, but especially of the two first charges in consequence of which he is suspended from the office of a Gospel minister, untill he gives evidences of true repentance & reformation in heart and life to this Presbytery & the churches at Large.

Mr Linsay immediately on hearing the judgment of Presbytery appeals to Synod.

Adjourned to meet at Allimance Church on the last wednesday in September 1798.

Concluded with prayer.

Sam. Stanford mo.

Angus M'Dearmid Clk.

Allamance Church Sept. 26th 1798.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment, and was opened by the Rev John Robinson with a Sermon from Prov. 4. 7.

Members present the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, John Robinson, William Hodge, William Moore, William Thompson, & John Gillaspie.

With the elders Messrs James Porter, Saml Nelson, Michael Montgomery, John Nelson & James Hart.

Members absent the Rev Henry Pattillo, James M Bowman, Saml Stanford, & Angus MacDearmid.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev William Thompson was chosen moderator, and John Gillaspie clerk.

The minutes of our last stated sessions were read.

Calls were presented to Mr Robert Tate, from the congregations of Washington, and Upper Rockfish: which he accepted: and the Rev Messrs Angus M'Dearmid, Saml Stanford, John Robinson, John Gillaspie, & W. Paisley are appointed an intermediate Presbytery to ordain Mr Robt Tate, to meet at Upper Rockfish Church, on the 8th of November next, the Rev Saml Stanford to preach the ordination sermon, preside, & give the charge.

Mr Robert Tate to prepare a sermon on 2 Cor. 5. 17. a lecture on Eph. 2 1—10 inclusive; & be prepared to stand an examination on Theology, Chronology & Church Hystory, previous to ordination

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 9 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with Prayer

Thursday Sept 27

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Mr Edward Pharr read a discourse on the subject assigned him at our last stated sessions of Presbytery, which was sustained, as part of trial.

Ordered that Mr Pharr prepare a sermon on Rom. 5. 1. and an exegesis on these words Sum pœna infernum sit eterna, at our next stated sessions of Presbytery. also an examination on the Being & Attributes of God & the doctrine of original sin.

The minutes of the intermediate Presbytery at Dan River are present, & are as follow.

Dan River Church April 1798.

The Intermediate Presbytery met according to appointment. Present the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, Wm Moore, & William Hodge.

Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev David Caldwell was chosen moderator and William Hodge Clerk.

Mr Saml McAdow delivered a discourse on the subject assigned him, & was examined on Theology, Cronology & Church History, which were sustained as parts of trial, & Mr McAdow having answered the Questions proposed by the moderator, after the Rev William Moore had preached the ordination sermon from Mark 16. 15 & 16. he was ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry, by prayer, & the imposition of hands.

Concluded with prayer

The Presbytery considering the usefullness of Mr Jn° Anderson in the churches, resolve to forward a petition to Synod for his ordination. Adjourned to meet tomorrow 9 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with Prayer.

Friday Sept 28.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, constituted with Prayer. The minutes of the intermediate Presbytery at Buffaloe are as follow.

Buffaloe Church May 9th 1798.

Intermediate Presbytery met according to appointment. Members present the Rev Messrs Saml Stanford, Angus McDearmid, & John Gillaspie.

Constituted with prayer

The Rev Saml Stanford Mod. and John Gillaspie Clerk. Mr William Paisley delivered a Lecture and a sermon upon the Subjects which were assigned him at our last stated Sessions of Presbytery, & he was examined of Theology, Chronology & Church History, all of which were sustained.

Concluded with prayer

May 10.

Constituted with prayer

The Rev Saml Stanford delivered a sermon from 2 Tim. 4. 5 and Mr William Paisley having answered such questions as our form of Government requires in such cases, he was ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry, by the laying on the hands of Presbytery & prayer. and a charge was given suitable to the occasion

Concluded with prayer

John Gillaspie Clk

Mr Daniel Browne signified his desire of coming under the care of Presbytery. he was therefore examined upon his experimental acquaintance with religion, on the motives which have influenced him to desire the sacred office of the ministry, & on his literary knowledge; which examinations were sustained as parts of trial.

Ordered that Mr Daniel Browne prepare a sermon on Acts 16. 31. and prepare for an examination on the Being & perfections of Deity, and the doctrine of original sin, at our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Eno Church on the first wednesday in March 1799.

Concluded with prayer.

William Thompson. Mo.

John Gillaspie Clk.

Eno. Church March 6.th 1799.

The Presbytery of Orange met agreably to adjournment, and was opened by the Rev William Thompson our last moderator with a sermon from 2 Cor. 4. 5.

Members present the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, William Hodge, William Moore, James H Bowman Jr.o Robinson, William Thompson, John Gillaspie, & Dan Baisley. & the elders Messrs John Cunningham, John Campbell, David Mitchel, Daniel Robinson, & John Mitchel.

Members absent the Rev Messrs Henry Pattillo, Saml Stanford, Angus M Dearmid & Samuel McAdow.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev James H Bowman was chosen moderator, and William Baisley Clerk.

The minutes of last stated Sessions were read.

An order from the Synod of the Carolina's in consequence of a petition sent to them, by the Presbytery of Orange respecting Mr John Andersons ordination is come to hand, granting liberty to ordain Mr Anderson as a missionary in their bounds, or elsewhere. Ordination is to take place upon Friday next. Mr Robinson is appointed to preach the ordination sermon, preside, & give the charge.

The former appointment for Mr Roberts Tates ordination not being fulfilled thro indisposition of some of the members who were appointed.

Ordered that the same members at the same place, attend to that business on the first wednesday & Thursday in April next, and if the Rev Saml

Stanford be absent who was appointed to preach the ordination ser-
-mon, some one of the other members is to take his place.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday March 7.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

Messrs Edward Pharr & Daniel Browne read Discourses, & were examined on the subjects assigned them at the last stated sessions of Presbytery, which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr Edward Pharr is ordered to prepare a Sermon on 1 John 3. 9. a lecture on the 5th Psalm, and a general examination on Divinity, against our next, previous to licensure.

Ordered that Mr Daniel Browne prepare a Sermon upon Ezek. 33. 11. & an exegesis on these words Num omnis actus dei, ita sapiens ut nullus alius actus aeque sapiens esse potuisset, and an examination on the Will, Providence, and the divinity of the Scriptures.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 9 oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer

Friday March 8.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer

John Anderson preached a Sermon from Psalm 19. 8. and was examined on Theology, Chronology, & Church Hystory, which were sustained.

The Rev John Robinson preached the ordination Sermon from 2 Tim 4. 5. and Mr John Anderson after having answered such questions as our form of Government requires in such cases, he was ordained to the holy office of the Gospel ministry, by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery & prayer, & a charge was given him suited to the occasion.

The Rev John Robinson making application to be dismissed from his present charges. Pres. appoint Mr Robert Tate to cite Mr Robinsons congregations, to appear by their commissioners at the intermediate Presbytery appointed to meet at Upper Rockfish, to assign reasons if they have any why the Rev John Robinson should not be dismissed.

The Rev John Anderson was appointed commissioner to the general Assembly.

Ordered that each members supply one Sabbath at Discretion.

Adjourned to meet at Buffalo Church on the 4th wednesday in October 1799.

Concluded with prayer.

James A Bowman mo.

William Bayley Clk.

Buffaloe October 23. 1799.

The Presbytery of Orange met agreably to adjournment. Members present the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, William Hodge, William Moore, John Robinson, William Thompson, William Paisley, & John Anderson.

With the elders Messrs John Donnell, Saml Nelson, Michael Montgomery, Robert Moore & Duncan Buie. Absent Members the Rev Messrs Henry Pattillo, Samuel Stanford, Angus M'Dearmid, James H. Bowman, John Gillaspie, & Saml M'Adow.

Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev Robert Tate was chosen moderator, and William Thompson Clerk.

Mr Edward Kerr delivered a Lecture, and a Sermon, on subjects assigned him at our last Sessions of Presbytery, which were sustained, as parts of trial, previous to licensure.

The minutes of our last stated Sessions of Presbytery were read.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Oct. 24.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with Prayer.

The minutes of the intermediate presbytery at Rockfish were handed in, & read as follow.

Rockfish Church. April 3d 1799.

The Intermediate Presbytery met according to appointment.

Members present the Rev Messrs. Saml Stanford, John Robinson, & John Anderson.

With the elders Messrs. John Jones, & James Maxwell.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Saml Stanford was chosen Moderator, and John Anderson clerk.

Mr Robert Tate delivered a Lecture from Eph. 2. 1–10 inclusive, & handed to presbytery a written discourse on 2 Cor 5. 17. which he had delivered on a former occasion at this place, which were sustained as trials previous to ordination.

Adjourned to meet here tomorrow 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday April 4.

Met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer.

Mr Robt Tate was examined on Theology, Cronology, and Church History, which examinations were sustained.

A Sermon was preached by the Rev Saml Stanford from 2 Tim. 4. 5. and Mr Tate having answered such questions as our form of Government requires in such cases, he was ordained to the holy office of the ministry by the laying on the hands of Pres. & Prayer, and the moderator gave a charge suitable to the occasion.

The Rev John Robinson having at our last Stated Sessions, desired leave to resign his pastoral charge, Pres. called on the representatives of those congregations who were legally cited to shew cause why Pres. should not accept Mr Robinsons resignation, they could shew no sufficient cause, his resignation was accordingly received.

Concluded with prayer.

John Anderson Clk.

The Rev John Robinson made application for a dismission from this presbytery, which was granted.

The Rev William Hodge desired leave to resign his pastoral charge. The commissioner from the charge being present, & making no objections, presbytery accepted his resignation.

The Rev William Thompson desired leave to resign his pastoral charge. Pres. appointed the Rev Robert Tate to cite Mr Thompsons charge to appear at the Cross Road Church by their commissioners on the 12th Day of Nov. next, to shew cause if they have any why Pres. should not accept the resignation. The following members are appointed to constitute a pres. for the above purpose, the Rev Messrs. William Moore, Wm Hodge, James A Bowman, & Mr Bailey.

Mr Daniel Brown read discourses on the subjects assigned him at our last; which were sustained. He was also examined on the Doctrine of the Will, Providence, & the divinity of the Scriptures. which examinations were sustained, as parts of trial.

Ordered that Mr Dan[l] Browne prepare a Lecture on Psalm 23, & a sermon on Rom. 10. 4. previous to licensure. to be delivered at our next Stated Sessions of Presbytery. and also be prepared to stand a general examination on Divinity.

Mr Edward Dharr was examined on Divinity in general which was sustained, & having now gone thro the trials assigned him by Pres. & answering the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed. Pres. licensed him to preach the everlasting Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow half past 8 oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday Oct 25

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. constituted with Prayer. Messrs Malcolm McNair, Duncan Brown, Murdoch Murphy, John Matthews, Murdoch McMillan, Hugh Shaw, & Ezekiel Currie signified their desire to be taken under the care of presbytery as candidates for the gospel ministry. each were examined respecting their experimental acquaintance with religion, and the motives which influence them to desire the sacred office. and each delivered a discourse; which examinations & discourses were sustained as parts of trial.

These same persons were examined on the Languages, & the Sciences which examinations were also sustained as parts of trial.

Ordered that Mr McNair prepare a discourse on Luke 13. 24.

— Mr John Matthews on Psalm 23. 3.

— Mr Murdoch McMillan on Romans 8. 1.

— Mr Duncan Brown on Titus 2 – 14.

— Mr Murdock Murphy on John 3. 3.

— Mr Ezekiel Currie on Gallatians 5. 24.

— Mr Hugh Shaw on Lamentations 3. 24.

Also each to stand an examination on the Being and Attributes of God, & original sin, at our next stated Sessions of Presbytery.

Ordered that Messrs Thompson, & Hodge supply a new Congregation called Mr Harmon at discretion.

Ordered that each member supply two Sabbaths at discretion before our next stated Sessions.

Adjourned to meet at Ino on the first wednesday in march, 1800.

Concluded with prayer.

Robert Tate M.

William Thompson Clk

Eno Church. March 5th 1800.

The Presbytery of Orange met agreable to adjournment.

Members present the Rev Messrs. Henry Pattillo, David Caldwell, William Hodge, James H. Bowman, William F. Thompson, Samel McAdow, William Paisley, & John Anderson.

~~Members absent~~ Messrs. Thos Wiley, John Campbell, James Carson, James Boyle, & Duncan Buie.

Members absent the Rev Messrs William Moore, Samuel Stanford, Angus McDearmid, John Gillaspies & Robert Tate. Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Henry Pattillo was chosen moderator, and William Thompson Clerk.

The minutes of our last states sessions & Presbytery were read.

The minutes of the intermediate presbytery at the Cross Roads were handed forward & read, & are as follow.

Cross Road Church Nov. 12. 1799.

The Intermediate presbytery met according to appointment. Members present the Rev Messrs. William Hodge, James H. Bowman, and William Paisley.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev James H. Bowman was chosen moderator, and William Paisley Clerk.

The Congregation of New hope, being duly cited to appear by their commissioners, agreably to an order of last states sessions of Presbytery, to assign reasons if any they had, why Mr Thompson should not resign his pastoral charge. Mr Thompson gave his reasons for wishing to be dismissed from the charge, and the commissioner making no objections, the presbytery accepted Mr Thompsons resignation.

Concluded with prayer. Wm Paisley Clk.

Mr Daniel Browne delivered a lecture and a sermon on the subjects assigned him at our last states sessions, previous to licensure, which were sustained as parts of trial.

Adjourned to meet at this place to morrow 9 oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday March 6th

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer.

A verbal report reached presbytery that the Rev Colin Lindsay, had behaved in a manner highly dishonorable to the character of a Gospel minister, and at the same time awfully profane, at mountain Creek, did deprive him of his seat in presbytery, but proceeded no farther as he was allowed by synod to preach.

Ordered that an intermediate presbytery meet at Union Church consisting of all our members, on the 8th of may next, for rehearing Mr Lindsays case. And Mr Daniel Carmichael is requested to cite the following persons to appear at the above time & place, to give testimony of the cause then & there depending. viz. Neal Wilkinson, Senr & Junr; Duncan McCollen, Danl McNeill, John Campbell, Doctor Jordan, John McMillan, Daniel Carmichael, & Mr McNair.

Ordered that the Rev Messrs Hodge, Thompson, Anderson, & Paisley, each supply one Sabbath at Mt Hermon before next Presbytery.

Ordered that the Rev David Caldwell & Mr Andrew Caldwell administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at the Sandfields on the 4th Sabbath in May next.

That the Rev Messrs. Bowman, & Paisley administer the Sacrament at the Cross Roads on the 5 Sabbath in august.

The Rev John Anderson is appointed commissioner to represent this Presbytery, in the next general Assembly.

The Rev Messrs. Pattillo, Caldwell & Bowman are appointed a committee this evening to receive the initiatory trials of Mr Andrew Flinn who desires to be received as a Candidate for the holy ministery.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 9 oclock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Friday March 7.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. The committee of yesterday evening report, that they have examined Mr Andrew Flinn on the motives which influence him to desire the sacred office, on experimental religion, Geography, natural Phylosophy, & Astronomy. which examinations were sustained as parts of trial

Mr Danl Brown having gone thro the trials assigned him and answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates previous to Licensure, presbytery licensed him to preach the everlasting Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the Holy ministry. The Rev William Paisley made application to resign his pastoral charge. Ordered that Mr Duncan Buie cite & charge to appear by their commissioners at our next Stated Sessions, to assign reasons if any they have, why presbytery should not accept the resignation.

The Candidates read discourses, & were examined on the subjects assigned them at last Presbytery, which were sustained as parts of trial.

Ordered that Mr Matthews prepare a sermon on 2 Tim 3. 16. and an exegesis on Unde malum? — Mr M'Nair a sermon on 2 Cor. 5. 17. — an exegesis on "An personales distinctiones in trinitate sunt eternæ?. — Mr M'Millan, a sermon on Heb. 2. 3. an exegesis on "An Christus pro omnibus mortuus est?. — Mr Brown a sermon on Rev. 3. 20. an exegesis on — Num Christus sit æqualis patri? — Mr Currie, a sermon on 1 Peter 4. 18. an exegesis on "An scriptura veteris et novi testamenti sit divina? Mr Shaw, a sermon on Jacob 28. 16 — An exegesis on "Num pœna infernorum sit æterna?. — Mr Murphy a sermon on Rev 3. 19. an exegesis on Num fides justificat? — Mr Flinn a sermon on Eph. 5. 14. and an examination on the first eleven chapters of the confession of Faith.

Adjourned to meet at Allamance Church on the last wednesday in September 1800. Henry Pattillo mo.

Concluded with prayer. William Thompson Clk.

Allamance Church Sept. 24 1800.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment. Members present the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, Wm Moore, James H. Bowman, John Gillespie, Angus M'Dearmid, and William Paisley. Presbytery was opened by the Rev. James Bowman with a sermon from Rom. 12. 4.

Elders present Messrs John Thom, David Mitchel, — M'Minn and Daniel Buie.

Members absent the Rev Messrs Henry Pattillo, Saml Stanford, William Thomson, William Hodge, Saml M'Adow, John Anderson, & Robt Tate.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev James H. Bowman was chosen moderator, & William Paisley Clerk.

The minutes of our last Stated Sessions of Pby were read.

An Instrument of writing came forward from the elders of Hawfields & Speedwell congregations, intimating their entire willingness, & desire that the Rev Saml M'Adow, should obtain a dismission from those congregations. Pby agree to grant Mr M'Adow a dismission, as soon as he makes regular application for it.

Mr Edward Pharr a Licentiate having removed out of our bounds, desired to obtain a dismission from this Presbytery and was therefore dismissed.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow 8 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday. Sept 25.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. Messrs M'Nair, Matthews, Shaw, Currie, Brown, Murphy, and M'Millan & Flinn delivered discourses on the subjects assigned them at last Presbytery which were sustained.

Mr John Rankin a Licentiate under the care of this Pres. having removed to the westward, it is supposed he will shortly apply for a dismission from this Pres. if this should be the

case, the Rev David Caldwell is ordered to give him a dismission.

The Rev William Paisley having applied to resign his pastoral charge, & the commissioners from his charge being present; Mr Paisley gave his reasons for desiring to resign his pastoral charge, & the commissioners making no objections, Pres. accepted his resignation.

An intermediate Presbytery was appointed at our last stated sessions, for the purpose of trying Mr Lindsay's case de novo, but a sufficient number of members did not attend to constitute a Presbytery at the time & place appointed. At that place & time, a letter was received from the Rev John Anderson, mentioning some things very injurious to the character of Mr Lindsay as a gospel minister, in consequence of which Mr Lindsay freely & cordially agreed that Messrs Caldwell, & Paisley that a committee be appointed to examine into those things which Mr Anderson states in his letter, & bring them forward to our next stated sessions of Pres. where Mr Lindsay promised to attend, to have his trial issued. Since that time Mr Lindsay has repeatedly said, that he does not know, that he will ever attend Presbytery again, that he has no business with presbyteries, and the Presbytery being persuaded from various informations for a number of years past, that Mr Lindsay has acted, & does still act quite contrary to the character of a gospel minister & knowing the interest of religion is greatly injured by his conduct, & that he is now acting contumaciously: do therefore suspend him from the office of a gospel minister until his trial is finally issued.

The Rev William Moore desires leave to resign his pastoral charge, ordered that Mr David Mitchel cite Dr charge to appear by their commissioners at the Red House, on thursday the 15 of October next to shew cause if any they have, why the Pres. should not accept his resignation. And as a report is in circulation prejudicial to the character of Mr Moore as a gospel minister, Mr Mitchel is also ordered to cite each of Mr Moores Sessions, & request them to endeavour to find out such persons, as they suppose can cast any light on the report. & that the Sessions cite such persons to appear at the time & place above mentioned where the Rev Messrs. Caldwell Thompson, & Paisley are ordered to attend.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Friday Sept. 25 (26)

The Pres. met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer.

The Rev William Paisley is appointed to supply at Hawfields, & Cross Roads at discretion.

— Mr Daniel Browne to supply one Sabbath at Buffaloe, & one at Union.

— that Messrs Paisley, & Browne each supply one Sabbath at Mt Hermon. — Mr Caldwell one at Hawfields. — & Mr Thompson one at Speedwell.

Mr Andrew Flinn was examined on the Greek Language, Geometry, Trigonometry, Algebra, Moral Philosophy, & Criticism which examinations were sustained as parts of trial.

Ordered that Mr Matthews prepare a popular sermon on Prov. 1. 7. and a Lecture on Prov 1. 24—33 inclusive. — Mr McNair a sermon on John 3. 9. a lecture on Jud. 15. 2 — 11 inclusive. Mr McMillan a sermon on Jud. 5. 25, and a Lecture on Eph. 2. 1—10 inclu. Mr Browne a sermon on Isa. 55. 7, a Lecture on Isa. 55. 1—5 inclu. Mr Currie a sermon on Isa 53. 3, a Lecture on Isa 35 throughout. Mr Shaw a sermon on Rev. 20. 6 a lecture on Mal. 4 throughout. Mr Murphy a sermon on Mal. 3. 16 a lecture on Psa. 15 throughout, and each a general examination on divinity.

Mr Andrew Flenn to prepare a sermon on Psalm 119. 75. and an exegesis on Unde malum & an examination on Gen. 6 chap 22—24.

Adjourned to meet at Barbecue Church on the last wednesday in march next. Concluded with prayer. James Bowman Mo.

William Paisley Clk

Barbecue Church March 25. 1801.

The Presbytery of Orange met agreably to adjournment. Members present, the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, Samuel Stanford, Angus McDearmid, William Paisley, & John Gillaspie.

With the elders Messrs Daniel Gillaspie, Peter Smith, & John McDaniel.

Members absent the Rev. Messrs Henry Patillo, William Moore, James Bowman, William Thompson, Robert Tate & John Anderson.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Samuel Stanford was chosen moderator. & John Gillaspie Clerk.

The minutes of our last stated Sessions of Pby. were read.

The Rev John Robinson having obtained a dismission from this Presbytery, & not having connected himself with any other, now returns this dismission, & is again a member of this Presbytery.

The Rev Sam[l] Stanford was called upon to give his reasons for absence from some of our last stated Sessions of Presbytery, which were sustained.

The Rev Colin Lindsay came forward and acknowledged that he had acted for some time past contumaciously, that he has sinned as other men from the depravity of nature. But in all cases in which he is conscious of guilt, he now declares that he is truly sorry, & resolves through divine assistance that for the future he will evidence a reformation to the church at large, in those points of which he now stands convicted. Upon Mr Lindsays

making these acknowledgments to the Presbytery, he is again received as a member, & invited to a seat, with his elder Mr Arch[d] Murphey.

The Rev. Messrs John Robertson, Angus McDearmid, Colin Lindsay, William Paisley, & John Gillaspie were appointed a committee to examine a System of rules handed to the Moderator of this Presbytery, from the moderator of New Brunswick Presbytery, & make report before the close of these Sessions.

Mr Andrew Flinn delivered discourses on the last Subjects assigned him at our which were sustained.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow 9 o'Clock

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday March 26.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev John Gillaspie desires leave to resign his pastoral charge. Ordered that Messrs Arch[d] Murphy & Patrick Smith cite the Charge to appear by their commissioners at our next Session of Presbytery to assign reasons if any they have, why the Presbytery should not accept the resignation.

The Rev Angus McDearmid desires leave to resign his pastoral charge of Barbecue congregation, he not being able thro' indisposition of body to attend that place, he is requested, with the rulers of the congregation to withdraw & consult on this subject. After consultation it appeared that there were no reasons why Presbytery should not accept the resignation; it was therefore accepted.

Calls were presented to the Rev William Paisley from the Hawfields & Cross Road congregations, which he takes under consideration.

The Rev John Anderson having removed out of our bounds desires by letter to have a dismission from this Presbytery, which is granted, and the Clerk is ordered to write it, & forward it to him.

Messrs Matthews, McNair, McMillan, Brown, Shaw, Currie, & Murphy, each delivered a discourse on the subjects

assigned them at our last stated sessions which were sustained.

The Rev: Messrs David Caldwell, John Robinson, and Samuel Stanford were appointed a committee to examine Mr Andrew Flinn, on this evening on the subjects assigned him at our last.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 9 O'clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Friday March 27.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

The committee appointed to examine Mr Andrew Flinn, reported, that they attended to that business & his examinations are sustained.

Ordered that Mr Flinn prepare a sermon on John 14. 1. a Lecture on the 87 Psalm throughout, as popular discourses to be delivered at our next stated sessions of Presbytery, also a general examination on divinity.

The committee appointed to examine the system of rules for the better regulation of the affairs of the Church report, that they approve of those Rules. and Presbytery appointed the Rev John Robinson to have a number of Copies printed for the information of the different churches under our care, & that the several churches under our care forward to our next stated sessions, their approbation, or disapprobation of these rules.

The Rev James H Bowman is appointed commissioner to the next general assembly, & the Rev John Robinson is requested to write his commission & forward it to the General assembly.

Messrs John Matthews, Malcolm M'Nair, Hugh Shaw, Ezekiel Currie, Murdoch Murphy, Murdoch M'Millan and Duncan Brown each delivered a Lecture on the subjects assigned them, & were examined on divinity in general, and having answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates previous to licensure. Presbytery licensed them to preach the everlasting gospel of Christ as Probationers for the holy ministry.

The minutes of the intermediate presbytery appointed to meet at the Redhouse are as follows.

Redhouse. Oct. 16. 1800.

The Intermediate Presbytery met agreeably to appointment. Members present the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, William Thompson, & William Paisley. with the Elders of John Gillaspie & Robt Moore.

A sermon was preached by the Rev David Caldwell from Psalm 23. 1. Constituted with prayer.

The Rev David Caldwell was chosen moderator. and William Paisley Clk.

The Congregations of Upper, Middle, & Lower Fico, and Rattlesnake being duly cited to appear at this time & place, agreeably to an order of our last stated sessions of Presbytery, to assign reasons if they had any, why Mr Moore should not resign his pastoral charge of said congregations. Mr Moore gave his reasons for wishing to be disonnissed, & the commissioners from the different congregations made no objections, therefore Mr Moore was disonnissed from the congregations.

Common fame charges the Rev Mr Moore with frequent intoxication, the following witnesses were duly sworn in behalf of the Church.

Mr Nathan Pass being duly sworn saith on oath that he has seen Mr Moore when he thought he had drank too much from his talk, also that he came into Mr Moores house & he was lying on the floor, he asked him how he was Mr Moore answered the world says, sometimes drunk & sometimes

sober, he says he does not know whether Mr Moore was intoxicated at that time or not; he farther saith that the general report is that Mr Moore drinks too much but does not personally know it himself. He also saith that he saw Mr Moore shooting with two of his negroes, & told them that he could beat him shooting for a drink of grog, he also saith that he has heard Mr Moore frequently tell Mr Moore that he drank to much, and that he had better quit preaching or drinking.

Mrs Alce Day being duly sworn saith on oath, that Mr Moore had been marrying a couple & stayed the house where she was, & he was very lively, & she thought he had drank more than was necessary, but she does not remember any thing he said.

Mrs Constance Smith being sworn saith, that she never saw Mr Moore intoxicated.

Mrs Mary Burk being duly sworn saith, that she has seen Mr Moore where there was plenty of Liquor frequently, but never saw him drink too much.

Mr George Taylor being sworn saith, that he saw Mr Moore when returning from marrying a couple at Capt. Dicksons, & that he appeared to ride as if he was intoxicated.

Mr Saml Smith being sworn saith that he saw Mr Moore when he thought he had drank too much, but he did not know but what he saw was the effect of trouble.

Mr William Lea being sworn saith on oath that Mr Moore once came to his house, & he asked him to take a grog, he refused in a few minutes he went to a house adjacent to Mr Lea's where he had an argument with some men, he afterwards returned to Mr Lea's & then drank some liquor & Mr Lea thinks he drank too free.

Mr Daniel Hemphill being duly sworn saith on oath, that he saw Mr Moore at a wedding at Mr Connelly's that Mr Moore talked very free, & said if a man would strike him, he would kill him, he also says that it is commonly reported that Mr Moore drinks too freely.

Mr James McAden being duly sworn saith on oath that he was at a wedding in Burson County at Mr Barnets & he thought from Mr Moore conversation, he being in a very jesting humour, that he was not quite sober.

The following witnesses in behalf of Mr Moore.

Mr John Lea being duly sworn saith on oath, that he does not know that ever he saw Mr Moore intoxicated, he also says that some people say Mr Moore drinks too much, & some says he does not.

Mr William Sawyer being duly sworn saith on oath that he never saw Mr Moore intoxicated, & that he has been a great deal in his company.

Mr John Lea saith on oath that he never saw Mr Moore intoxicated.

Mr Theodorick Johnson being duly sworn saith on oath that he never saw Mr Moore intoxicated, & that he has very often been in company with him.

Mr Thomas Rainey being duly sworn saith on oath that at the wedding at Mr Connelly's Mr Moore said that a man could not aggravate him so far as to cause him to strike him, but if any man struck him he would act in defence of his own life.

Mr Hazlet Butt being duly sworn saith on oath, that he lived with Mr Moore near a year, & that he never saw him intoxicated, but that he always acted in an agreable manner.

Concluded with prayer

William Bailey Clk.

The Presbytery on examening the evidences taken by the intermediate Presbytery at the Redhouse in the case of the Rev William Moore do not think they are sufficient to convict him, but from the general tenor of the evidence, & universality of the report, do conditionally suspend him, untill farther inquiry is made, or untill he gives sufficient evidences of a reformation.

The Rev William Thompson not having attended our stated sessions of Presbytery, for some time past, & some reports having reached Pres. concerning him, the Rev David Caldwell was appointed to write a letter to him, in which he is to inform him of these reports.

In consequence of the Rev Robert Tate's long absence from our stated sessions of Presbytery, the Rev John Robinson was ordered to write a letter to him on the subject.

Ordered that Messrs McNair, McMillan, Brown, Currie & Shaw supply the Rev James McBowmans pulpits each two sabbaths.

Also that each of them supply one Sabbath at Barbecue, Buffalo, & Union congregations. Ordered that the Rev John Robinson preach one Sabbath at Barbecue.

The Rev John Gillaspie one at Union.

Adjourned to meet at Buffalo Church on the fourth wednesday in September 1801.

Concluded with Prayer.

Sam.l Stanford. mo.

John Gillaspie Clk.

Buffalo Church Sept 23. 1801.

The Presbytery of Orange met agreably to adjournment.

Members present the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, John Robinson, James McBowman, John Gillaspie, William Thompson & William Bayley.

With the elders Messrs Daniel Donnell, James Boyls & John Hewett.

Members absent the Rev Messrs Samuel Stanford, Angus McDearmid, Colin Lindsay, Samuel McAdow, & Robert Tate.

Constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last stated sessions of Presbytery were read.

The Rev John Gillaspie was chosen moderator and William Bayley Clerk.

The Rev Samuel McAdow having removed out of our bounds, applies for a dismission from this Presbytery, he is dismissed.

Mr John Rankin having also removed out of our bounds applies to be dismissed from this Pres. he is therefore dismissed.

Mr Andrew Flinn delivered a Lecture and a Sermon on the subjects assigned him at our last which were sustained as parts of trial.

Letters were received from the Rev Messrs. Angus McDearmid & Robert Tate giving reasons for their absence from these sessions of Pres. which were sustained.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 9 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Sept 24.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev John Gillaspie's charge being duly cited to appear at these Sessions of Presbytery to assign reasons, if they had any, why Presbytery should not accept his resignation, the commissioners came forward, & making no objections, he was dismissed.

The Rev John Robinson being appointed to have a number of copies of a system of rules for the better regulation of the affairs of the Church, printed, for the information of the congregations under our care, these copies have been printed, but not being generally circulated thro' our bounds, consequently each congregation could not forward to these Sessions of Presbytery their opinion of the rules; according to the order of our last Sessions. Therefore Presbytery request that the congregations under our care send forward to our next presbytery by letter or otherwise their opinion of said rules. The Rev John Robinson having in contemplation shortly to remove out of our bounds applies for a Dismission from this Pres.y & is dismissed.

Mr Andrew Flinn was examined on the subjects assigned him at our last previous to licensure, & having answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did license him to preach the everlasting Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministery. Ordered that Messrs M'Dearmid, Stanford, Duncan Brown, & Murphy each supply one Sab.th at the Brown Marsh, — Ezekiel Currie one at Lower Rico. — James Bowman one at the Redhouse. — M'Gillaspie one at Haw river — W.m Paisley one at M'Dermon. — and M'Caldwell one at Germanton. before our next stated Sessions.

Adjourned to meet at the Hawfields Church on the first wednesday in april 1802 — John Gillaspie M.s

Concluded with prayer. — W.m Paisley Clk.

Hawfields Church. April 7. 1802.

The Presbytery of Orange met agreably to adjournment. and was opened with a sermon preached by the Rev Sam.l Stanford from John 10. 14.

Members present the Rev David Caldwell, James D. Bowman, Colin Lindsay, Sam.l Stanford, Angus M'Dearmid, William Paisley & Robert Tate.

With the elders Messrs Joseph M'Lean, David Clark, & Sam.l Nelson.

Members absent the Rev William Thompson & John Gillaspie.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Robert Tate was chosen moderator and William Paisley Clerk.

The minutes of our last stated Sessions were read.

Mr Howel Lewis commissioner from the congregations of grassy creek & Mt Bethel requests leave to present calls to the Rev — Calhoun a member of Hanover Presbytery, Virginia. Presbytery gave those congregations leave to present calls to Mr Calhoun.

A letter was received from the Rev William Thompson declaring himself a member of this Pres.y as it stood in the year 1795 but declares his dissent from it as it stands at present, & also says that upon regularity & order being restored in the Pres.y of Orange, he will again consider himself a member of it. The Rev Messrs Lindsay, Stanford, & Bowman are appointed a committe to examine Mr Letter, & bring forward their observations upon it before Presbytery adjourn.

Calls were presented to the Rev Sam.l Stanford from the congregations of Goshen, & the Grove, which he takes under consideration.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 9 o'clock Concluded with prayer.

Thursday April 8.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.
Constituted with prayer.

Calls were presented to Mr Malcolm McNair from the congregations of Laurelhill, Centre, & Hopewell which he takes under consideration untill our next stated sessions.

Calls were presented to Mr Daniel Browne from the congregations of Lumberbridge, Oldfork, & Philadelphos which he accepted, & the Rev Messrs Linsay, Stanford, McDearmid, Gillaspie & Tate are appointed an intermediate presbytery to ordain Mr Browne to meet at Philadelphos on the third wednesday in July. The Rev Samuel Stanford to preach the ordination sermon, preside, & give the charge.

Ordered that Mr Danl Browne prepare a lecture on Psalm 84, & a sermon on 1 Jno. 3. 9. previous to ordination, & be examined on Theology, Chronology & Church History.

Ordered that each member of Presbytery & each Licentiate take a copy of the extract from the minutes of the Synod of the Carolina's and use their influence to obtain contributions for the support of Missionaries, and give an account at our next stated sessions of their success, & bring forward such contributions as they may obtain to be sent on to Synod.

The Rev Leonard Prather a minister of the Methodist Church expresses a desire to become a member of this Presbytery, he is requested to preach a sermon at this place on tomorrow.

Adjourned to meet to morrow 8 oclock a.m.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday April 9.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.
Constituted with prayer.

The Congregations under our care do not generally approve of the System of rules mentioned in the minutes of our last stated Sessions of Presbytery.

In consequence of a petition from Bethel Church for the administration of the Sacrament of the Lords Supper. Ordered that the Rev Messrs Caldwell & Paisley, administer the Sacrament at that place on the first Sabbath in August next.

A petition from Hawfields requesting the administration of the Lords Supper at that place. Ordered that the Rev Messrs Caldwell & Bowman administer the Sacrament there on the first Sabbath in May next.

A petition from grassy creek requesting the administration of the Sacrament. Ordered that the Rev Messrs Bowman & Paisley, administer the Sacrament at that place on the fourth Sabbath in may next.

Adjourned to meet at this place on monday at 7 oclock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday April 12.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.
Constituted with prayer.

The Rev William Paisley continues the calls from the Newfields & Cross Roads under consideration untill our next stated sessions.

The Rev Leonard Prather preached a sermon agreeably to request, & Presbytery examined him on divinity in general, which were sustained; and he is received as a member of this Presbytery, as far as consistent with a rule at present in the Synod of the Carolina's.

In consequence of a petition from Mount Hermon congregation requesting supplies. Ordered that the Rev Leonard Rather supply that congregation at discretion untill our next Stated Sessions, Also that he assist at the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord Supper at Bethel, Haw river, & Grassy creek churches.

The committee appointed to examine the Rev William Thompson's letter, report, that said Letter charges the Presbytery of Orange with Anger, wicked intentions, dissimulation, perjury, error, rant, disorder, confusion &c. Presbytery suspended the Rev William Thompson conditionally untill he makes good the things with which he charges the Presbytery of Orange.

Ordered that the Rev James H Bowman endeavour to get our presbyterical Book, now in the possession of Mr Thompson, & that Mr Paisley transcribe in it the minutes of our two last Stated Sessions of Presbytery.

Ordered that the Rev James Bowman supply one Sabbath at Lower Fico church.

Wm Paisley one at Reedhouse church.

Leonard Rather one at Rattlesnake. &

Duncan Brown one Sab. at each of the following places Rattlesnake, Hartschapel, Reedhouse, & Lower Fico, before our next Stated Sessions.

Adjourned to meet at Allamance on the last wednesday in September. 1802.

Concluded with prayer.

Robert Tate mo.
Wm Paisley Clk.

Allamance Church. Sept 28. 1802.

Presbytery of Orange met agreably to adjournment.

Members present the Rev David Caldwell, Jas H Bowman, Leonard Rather, William Paisley, John Gillaspie, and Robert Tate.

With the elders Messrs Thomas Wiley, Thos Bradshaw, & Joseph Baker.

Members absent the Rev Messrs John Lindsay, Angus McDiarmid, & Samuel Stanford.

A Sermon was preached by Mr Hugh Shaw a Licentiate from Lam. 3. 24.

Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev James H Bowman was chosen moderator, and John Gillaspie Clerk.

The minutes of our last Stated Session were read.

Calls were presented to the Rev Leonard Rather from the congregations of Salem, & Mount Hermon, which he takes under consideration untill our next Stated Sessions.

The Rev William Paisley accepted the calls from the Deerfields & Cross Roads.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 8 oClock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday Sept 29.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev Saml Stanford being absent the calls presented to him from Goshen, & the Grove congregations are still under consideration.

The Rev James Bowman not having applied to Mr Thompson for the presbyterical Book agreably to order, he is again ordered to make application.

The Minutes of the intermediate presbytery at Philadelphos being present, are as follow.

Philadelphos Church July 14. 1802.

Intermediate presbytery met according to appointment. Members present the Rev Messrs Colin Lindsay, Saml Stanford, John Gillaspie, & Robert Tate.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Saml Stanford was chosen moderator and John Gillaspie clerk.

Mr Danl Browne delivered a Lecture & a sermon on the subjects assigned him at last stated sessions, & he was examined on Theology, Chronology, and Church Hystory, which were sustained.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 8 o'clock a.m.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday.

Intermediate Pres. met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Saml Stanford preached a sermon from 2d Tim 4. 5. and such questions being proposed as are required. Pres. solemnly ordained Mr Browne to the holy office of the Gospel ministry, & the moderator gave a charge suitable to the occasion.

Concluded with prayer

John Gillaspie Clk.

Mr Malcolm McClain accepted the calls which he had under consideration, and the Rev Messrs Colin Lindsay, Angus McDearmid, Saml Stanford, John Gillaspie, Robert Tate, & Dan[l] Browne are appointed an intermediate presbytery to meet at Centre Church on the first wednesday in December to ordain Mr McClain the Rev John Gillaspie to preach the ordination sermon preside & give the charge.

Mr Malcolm McClain to prepare a Lecture on Isaiah. 12 Chap. a sermon on Ezk. 3. 11. & be examined on Theology, Chronology, & Church Hystory previous to ordination.

Ordered that each member of Presbytery, and each Licentiate use their influence to obtain contributions for the support of missionaries, & bring forward such contributions to our next stated sessions, & the Clerk is ordered to inform the absent members & Licentiates of this order.

In consequence of Petitions from Hawrver, and Beaverland congregations for supplies Mr Jos. Matthews is ordered to supply those congregations at discretion.

Petitions from the congregations of Redhouse, and Rattlesnake for supplies were read. and the Rev James Bowman is ordered to supply one sabbath at the Redhouse, and William Paisley one sabbath at Rattlesnake.

Mr Ezekiel Currie is appointed to supply one sabbath at New hope.

Ordered that each member supply two sabbath at discretion.

A Call was presented to Mr Ezekiel Currie from the congregation of Upper Fies, which he accepts, and the Rev Messrs James Bowman, William Paisley, and Leonard Prather are appointed an intermediate pres. to ordain Mr Currie to meet at Upper Fico Church on the 22nd of December next. The Rev Leonard Prather to preach the ordination sermon, preside, & give the charge. Mr Currie to prepare a Lecture on Isa 12 Chap. and a sermon on Rev 20. 6. & be examined on Theology, Chronology & Church Hystory previous to ordination.

Adjourned to meet at Salem Church on the forth wednesday in April 1803.

James Bowman Ma.

Concluded with prayer.

John Gillaspie Clk.

Salem Church April 6th 1803.

Presbytery of Orange met agreeably to adjournment.

Members present the Revd Messrs David Caldwell, John Gillaspie, Leonard Prather, William Paisley, and Daniel Browne

with the elders Messrs. Robert Rankin, James Thompson, & Robert Hodge.

Members absent the Revd Messrs Angus M^Dearmid, Colin Lindsay, James Bowman, Saml. Stanford, & Robert Tate. Constituted with prayer.

A sermon was preached by M^r Andrew Caldwell one of the Licentiates from Rom. 14. 10.

The Revd John Gillaspie was chosen moderator, and William Paisley clerk.

The minutes of our last stated sessions were read.

The Revd Wm Paisley is appointed stated clerk.

The Revd Leonard Prather is appointed Presbyterial Treasurer.

Calls were presented to M^r John Matthews from the congregations of Grassy creek, & Nutbush, which he accepted; & the Revd Messrs. James Bowman, Leo. Prather, & Daniel Brown are appointed an intermediate Presbytery to ordain M^r Matthews to meet at Grassy creek Church on the last Thursday in April; the Revd James Bowman to preach the ordination sermon, preside & give the charge.

M^r Matthew to prepare a Lecture on the 2^d Epistle of John, a sermon on 1 John 4. 8. & an examination on Theology, Chronology, & Church History, previous to ordination.

The Revd Samuel Stanford is now come, & gave a Dispatory reasons for his absence from our last stated Session.

It is found that the intermediate presbytery appointed to ordain M^r Malcolm M^cNair have not effected that business; only three members attended at the time & place appointed. The Revd Colin Lindsay being one of them, refused to sit as a member. Ordered that the Revd Messrs Gillaspie & Browne bring forward on tomorrow a statement of the reasons M^r Lindsay gave, for disobeying the order of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday April 7.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

A Call was received for M^r Andrew Flinn from the presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, which he accepted, and the Revd Messrs James Bowman, Leonard Prather, Samuel Stanford, John Gillaspie, & Daniel Browne, are appointed an intermediate presbytery, to ordain M^r Andrew Flinn; to meet at Fayetteville on the first wednesday in June next. The Revd Leonard Prather to preach the ordination sermon, preside, & give the charge.

M^r Flinn to prepare a Lecture on Psalm 23. and a sermon on Rev 20. 6. also an examination on Theology, Chronology, & Church History, previous to ordination.

Whereas the intermediate Presbytery appointed to ordain M^r Ezekiel Currie did not meet at the time & place appointed owing to the indisposition of one of the members; the Revd Messrs Bowman, Prather, & Paisley are again appointed to meet at Upper Hico Church, & Constitute an intermediate Presbytery to ordain M^r Currie on the first Friday in August next. The Revd Leonard Prather to preach, preside & give the charge.

M^r Ezekiel Currie to prepare discourses, & be examined on the Subjects assigned him at our last stated Sessions.

The reasons which the Rev. Colin Lindsay gave for disobeying the order of Presbytery respecting Mr Malcolm McNair's ordination, were brought forward & signed by Messrs John Gillespie & Saml Browne, and are as follow. 1 Mr Lindsay doubted the validity of the order of Presbytery. 2. his attendance at an intermediate presbytery appointed to ordain Mr Daniel Browne had been very prejudicial to his interest, & that he had come to the place appointed for Mr McNairs ordination on purpose to oppose it.

If Mr McNair & the congregations from which he has accepted calls, shall desire his ordination; they are ordered to attend at Fayettevelle on the first wednesday in June; the time appointed for Mr Flinn's ordination.

Mr McNair to prepare a discourse, & be examined on the subjects assigned him at our last stated Sessions, previous to ordination.

Mr Duncan Browne one of our Licentiates about to leave our bounds applied for a dismission, and obtained it.

The Rev Saml Hanford continues the calls from Gosher & the Grove congregations under consideration, until our next stated Sessions.

The Rev Leonard Prather accepts the calls from Salem, & Mount Hermon congregations, which he had under consideration.

Messrs James Smilie & Hugh Wiley expressed their desires to be taken under the care of Presbytery as Candidates for the ministry, they were examined on the motives which influence them to desire the sacred office, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, which examinations were sustained.

Mr Smilie had prepared a discourse on Jn. 3. 7. which Presbytery heard & sustained.

Mr James Smilie to prepare a sermon on 2 Cor. 5. 17. and an examination on Latin & Greek Languages, the arts & sciences; and an examination on the Being and attributes of God & original sin against our next stated Sessions.

Mr Hugh Wiley to prepare a sermon on 1 Jn. 5. 10. an examination on the Languages, the sciences, and an examination on the Being & Perfections of God & original Sin against our next stated Sessions.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 9 oclock. A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday April 8.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

As the Rev James Bowman has not obtained the Presbyterial Book from Mr Thompson. Ordered that the Rev John Matthews apply to him for it, & if it cannot be procured to endeavour to get the original minutes, & deliver them to our Stated Clerk.

The Rev William Bayley is appointed Commissioner to the next general Assembly. Ordered that the Revs Messrs Bowman, Prather, Currie, & Shaw each supply one Sab. either at the Hawfields, or Crosroads in his absence, at the assembly. Also that the Revs Messrs Caldwell, Bowman, Prather, & Currie administer the Sacrament at the Hawfields, on the 3rd Sab. in may next.

The Rev Leonard Prather charges the Rev. Angus McDiarmid with declaring that he would never act as a member of Orange Pres. untill the young Puppies who are continually yelping about Bow, wow, wow, would be turned out, he also said they would sometimes lead young women behind trees, & cover them like a stud horse;

& also declared the Rev John Gillaspie was a Limb of the Devil, that the present revival of religion was a work of the Devel, & that the Devil had a Synagogue at all our meetings; & that the ministers were Balaams Prophets.

These charges to be supported by Messrs Andw Flinn, Duncan McAuslin, James Smiley, Murdock Murphy, Murdock McMillan, Daniel Browne, Hector McNeil, & John Gillaspie. Ordered that the Rev Messrs Jno. Gillaspie & Danl Browne cite the Rev Angus McDearmid, & the witnesses mentioned to appear at Fayetteville on the first wednesday in June, & the intermediate Presbytery appointed to ordain Mr Flinn, take the depositions of the witnesses, & breng them forward to our next Stated Sessions. The Rev Leonard Prather charges the Rev Colin Lindsay with Lying, traducing characters, and the whole Presbytery of Orange, and calling the present revival of Religion the work of the Devil.

These charges to be supported by Messrs Danl Browne, John Gillaspie, James Smith, Arch.d Farly, John Brown, James Turner jun.r, Matthew Dalton, Murdoch McMillan, & Murdoch Murphy.

Ordered that the Rev Messrs John Gillaspie and Daniel Browne cite Mr Lindsay, & the witnesses mentioned, to appear at Fayetteville on the first wednesday in June, & the intermediate Presbytery there at that time to take the depositions of the witnesses, & bring them forward to our next Stated Sessions.

Adjourned to meet at Allamance on the first monday in October 1803.

concluded with prayer.

John Gillaspie ma

William Bayley Clk

Allamance Church Oct. 3. 1803.

Presbytery of Orange met agreably to adjournment and was opend by the Rev John Gillaspie our last moderator with a sermon from 1 Tim. 4. 8.

Members present the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, Samuel Stanford, John Gillaspie, Leonard Prather, William Bayley, Robert Tate, & Daniel Browne.

With the elders Messrs. Thomas Wiley, James Clark, George Withey, & Alexander Russell.

Members absent the Rev Messrs. James D Bowman, Colin Lindsay, and Angus McDearmid

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Leonard Prather was chosen moderator and William Bayley clerk.

The minutes of our last stated sessions were read.

The minutes of the intermediate presbytery appointed to meet at Grassy creek church to ordain Mr. Matthews were read, & are as follow.

Grassy Creek Church April 28. 1803.

Intermediate presbytery met agreably to appointment.

The Rev Messrs James Bowman, Leonard Prather, and Daniel Browne. The Rev James Bowman was chosen moderator, and Leonard Prather clerk.

Mr John Matthews delivered a Lecture & sermon on the subjects assigned him at our last Stated Sessions, & he was examined on Theology, Chronology, & Church History which were sustained.

Saturday april 29.

The Rev James Bowman preached the ordination sermon from 2 Tim. 2. 7. and Mr Matthews having answered such questions as our form of government requires in such cases; he was ordained to the office of the gospel ministry, by the laying on the hands of Presbytery & Prayer.

Concluded with prayer. Leonard Prather Clk

The minutes of the intermediate presbytery appointed to meet at Upper Rico Church to ordain Mr Ezekiel Currie, were read, & are as follow. Upper Rico, Church August 5th 1803.

Intermediate presbytery met agreably to appointment, viz. the Rev Messrs James Bowman, Leonard Rather, & William Paisley.

The Rev Leonard Rather was chosen moderator and William Paisley clerk. Mr Ezekiel Currie delivered a lecture, and sermon on the subjects assigned by Presbytery, and was examined on Chronology, Church History, & Divinity in General, which examinations were sustained, previous to ordination.

Adjourn to meet tomorrow 10 oclock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday August 6th

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. The Rev Leonard Rather preached the ordination sermon from Jeremiah 1. 17. and Mr Currie having answered the questions our form of government requires in such cases, he was ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry, by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery, & prayer. Concluded with prayer. Wm Paisley Clk.

The minutes of the intermediate presbytery which met according to appointment in Fayetteville were read, and are as follow. Fayetteville June 1st 1803.

Intermediate presbytery according to appointment. Members present the Rev Messrs Saml Stanford, Jno Gillaspie, Leonard Rather, & Daniel Browne.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Leonard Rather was chosen moderator and Daniel Brown Clerk.

The Rev John Browne a member of the first Presby of S. Carolina, being present was invited, he took a seat.

The Rev Colin Lindsay came forward according to ci-

-tation, & informed Presbytery that he denied & renounced their authority. He offered to hand forward his declinature, & requested as a reason that the presbytery of Orange had departed from presbyterial discipline. Presbytery attempted to reason with Mr Lindsay, & advised him not to decline abruptly, & took considerable pains in attempting to make him sensible of the disagreable, & unhappy consequences that would certainly follow such a step, if once taken, both with respect to himself & part of his brethren, & particularly with respect to his followers. All that could be said seemed to have no weight, he appeared to be in a passion, spoke in a very abusive manner to some of the members, and whilst the Presbytery hesitated with respect to the propriety of accepting his declinature at present, Mr Lindsay abruptly departed.

Adjourned to meet early tomorrow. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday June 2.

Pres met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer.

Proceeded to hear, & consider Messrs Flinn & McNair's discourses, & to examine them on the subjects assigned them, previous to ordination, all of which were sustained.

The Rev Leonard Rather preached the ordination sermon from 1 Tim 4. 16. and Messrs Flinn & McNair were ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery & prayer, & they took their seats as members.

Presbytery then assumed the Rev Colin Lindsay's case, & proceeded to take the testimony in support of the charges exhibited against him by the Rev Leonard Rather.

Mr Daniel Browne being duly sworn saith on oath that at Philadelphos Church in Robeson County on the third Sabbath in July 1802. he heard Mr Lindsay order those that were mourners to depart out of the Church in a manner that appeared expressive of opposition to that kind of religious exercise, & on the 19th of last month he heard Mr Lindsay say that he did not oppose that work at the time & place above mentioned.

On the second charge viz traducing the aforesaid Presbytery of Orange. Mr Brown saith on oath, that sometime last winter at the house of Mr McNeil. after sermon Mr McDeamed having preached there that day, he heard Mr Lindsay say, that altho' the people would make application to Presbytery (meaning the Presbytery of Orange) they would do them no justice, and that in May last at Mr Lindsays own house, he heard Mr Lindsay say the same thing, & further saith that he heard Mr Lindsay say that all the members of Presbytery were Schismaticks & enthusiasts.

On the 3d, calling the present revival of Religion a work of the Devil, Deponent saith that at Centre Church, on the forth day of last December he heard Mr Lindsay say that the present revival of Religion was a work of the Devil. and further saith not.

The Rev John Gillaspie being duly sworn saith on oath, that in the month of December last he heard Mr Lindsay say that Mr McMillan was an insignificant Puppy, & an impudent rascal, & that the present Stir was a work of the Devil meaning the revival of Religion

And further saith not.

Messrs James Smith & Archd Farly being called on were not present.

The Rev John Browne being duly sworn saith on oath, that on Saturday morning at the Camp-meeting on Cheeks Creek in July last, he asked Mr Lindsay whether he had not used means to keep the Scotch people from attending that meeting, on which Mr Lindsay took of his hat, & in a solemn manner declared "he had not," & added now I have vowed it.

With respect to the 2d Charge Deponent saith that Mr Lindsay spoke of some of the members of Presy in a manner he thought disrespectfull, & said they made a whore of the Pulpit. Deponent further saith not.

Mr James Sanford being duly sworn saith on oath that on the tenth of July last in a conversation between the Rev John Brown, & Mr Lindsay, he heard Brown say to Lindsay that he had understood he tried to prevent the Scotch people from attending that meeting, that Mr Lindsay in a solemn manner called God to witness that he had not. Mr Lindsay also said that they (meaning as Deponent supposed the members of Orange Presbytery) had made the pulpit a Whore, or a public whore, & when Deponent asked Mr Lindsay in what manner they had done so, he replied by suffering young men to exhort or preach that were not qualified to fill that place. and further saith not.

Mr James Turner Esqr being duly sworn saith on oath that on the evening of the seventh of July last in a conversation with Mr Lindsay, he asked him whether he expected any of his people would be at meeting (meaning the camp-meeting on Cheeks creek) that Mr Lindsay replied he expected not for he had advised them not to come, or to go unto any such meetings. And further saith not.

Mr Matthew Watson being called was not present.

Mr Murdock McMillan being duly sworn saith on oath, that on the way going home from the camp meeting on Cheeks creek in July last, he asked Mr Lindsay, why he had opposed this revival, Mr Lindsay took of his hat, & solemnly asserted he had not, whereupon Deponent said to Mr Lindsay, that he had reasons to believe that he had, & had preached against it in Deponents congregations. that Mr Lindsay replied if he chose to believe what others would say, rather than believe a brother he might do so.

Mr Murdock Murphy being duly sworn saith on oath that on a day soon after the Cheeks creek meeting, at Bethel Church, & in the face of the congregation, he heard Mr Lindsay use these words "you are all flaming methodists (meaning as Deponent understood the members of Orange Presbytery) & at the same time & place, he heard Mr Lindsay speaking of the revival of Religion say it was a work of the devil, or a delusion of the devil.

Presbytery assumed the case of the Rev Angus McDearmid, with respect to the charges exhibited against him by the Rev Leonard Rattie

A letter from Mr McDearmid directed to the moderator of this Presbytery was received and read in which is contained a renunciation of the authority of this Presbytery.

Resolved, that a committe be appointed to draft a letter in as friendly a manner as possible in answer to Mr McDearmids & to be presented to Presbytery tomorrow morning.

Resolved, that the Revs Messrs John Brown, Saml Stanford, & Andrew Flinn be a committee for this purpose.

It being the opinion of some of our members that there is a possibility of a reconciliation, were we to postpone taking the depositions in the case of Mr McDearmid, this being a disreable thing. We deliberated on the subject a considerable time. The question at length was put, & by a majority it is postponed, untill our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 8 oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday June 3.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with Prayer.

The committe according to appointment handed in the substance of a letter to be transmitted to the Rev Angus McDearmid in answer to his of may the 30th directed to the Moderator of this Presy.

The Rev Samuel Stanford Moderator protem.

Ordered that the Rev Andrew Flinn draw off this Letter, & put it in the hands of Mr Duncan McAlay-lin to be by him transmitted to Mr McDearmid as soon as it may be convenient.

The case of the Rev Angus McDearmid respecting

the charges exhibited by the Rev Leonard Rattie being now laid over. Messrs Andrew Flinn, James Smilie, Duncan McAuslin, Daniel Brown, Murdoch Murphy, & John Gillaspie being now present are now cited from the chair to attend our next stated sessions in order there to give testimony in the case of Mr McDearmid, should it be deemed necessary.

Ordered that the Rev Daniel Brown cite such as are not present of those who were called upon relative to the case of Mr McDearmid, to appear at our next stated sessions, there to give evidence if it should then be thought necessary.

Concluded with prayer.

Dan'l Browne Clk

The minutes of those intermediate Presbyteries being read, & the Rev Messrs Andrew Flinn, Malcolm McLain & Ezekiel Currie being present took their seats as members of this Presbytery.

Mr Saml Paisley expressed a desire to be taken under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, & the Rev Messrs Paisley, Flinn, & Currie are appointed a committee to examine Mr Paisley on the motives which influence him to desire the sacred office, & his experimental acquaintance with religion, & report tomorrow.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow 8 oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday Oct 4.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

The committee appointed to examine Mr Samuel Paisley, reported, that they attended to that dispute, & approved of his examinations, & Presy do sustain the same. Mr Paisley had prepared a sermon on John 14. 1. which Presy heard, & sustained. &

In consequence of a petition from Stony Creek congregation for supplies. Ordered that the Rev Leonard Prather preach at Stony creek church one Jabbath, & a week day, & enquire into the reasons or motives which have influenced them as a congregation to adhere to William Thompson after his suspension, their reasons for having discarded him, & now applying to this Presbytery for supplies, & to make report at our next stated sessions.

In consequence of a petition from poplar creek church. ordered that the Rev Leonard Prather supply that congregation one Jabbath in each month untill our next stated sessions.

The Rev Samuel Stanford continues the calls from Goshen & the Grove under consideration.

The Rev James Bowman by letter desired leave to resign his pastoral charge. Ordered that he citys'd charge to appear by their commissioners at our next stated sessions to shew cause if they have any, why the Presbytery should not accept the resignation.

The intermediate Presbytery which met in Fayetteville having taken the depositions of the witnesses to support the charges against Mr Lindsay. Are of the opinion of Presbytery that those charges were fully substantiated & the Rev Messrs. Samuel Stanford, John Gillaspie, Danl Browne, and Andrew Flinn being duly sworn saith on oath, that at the intermediate Presbytery in Fayetteville, when the Rev Colin Lindsay was called upon for trial, he proposed to hand forward his declinature which Presbytery hesitated to accept, in consequence of which, he got in a violent passion, & treated them with very abusive language, & declared he renounced the authority of Presbytery, & would never attend on them again, & went off abruptly. Presbytery did therefore depose the Rev Colin Lindsay from the office of a gospel ministry.

The intermediate Presbytery which met in Fayetteville having omitted to take the depositions of the witnesses cited to support the charges against the Rev Angus McDiarmid, for reasons which were satisfactory to Presbytery, & having cited Messrs Andrew Flinn, James Smilie, Duncan McAuslin, Daniel Browne, Murdoch Murphy, & John Gillaspie to attend these sessions of Presbytery to take their depositions if though necessary. And they all being present except Mr Duncan McAuslin, were called upon.

And the Rev Andrew Flinn being duly sworn saith on oath that he called at Mr McDiarmid's on his way to last stated sessions of Presbytery, & after he & McDiarmid had conversed sometime concerning the present revival of Religion, that McDiarmid got in a violent passion, & said he would not attend Presbytery again untill the young Puppies, who are continually yelping about Bow, wow, wow, would cease (meaning as he just poised the young ministers) & that they would lead young women behind trees & cover them like a stud horse. And that Mr McDiarmid also said in Fayetteville that Satan had a Synagogue at all our meetings. and further saith not.

Mr James Smilie being duly sworn saith on oath, that on a Jabbath evening on his way to Presbytery, he called at the Rev Angus McDiarmid's in company with Mr Flinn, that McDiarmid got in a violent rage, & said that the revival of religion was a work of the Devil, or a delusion of the Devil, & so made use of the base language mentioned by Mr Flinn & further saith not.

Mr Murdoch McMillan being duly sworn saith on oath, that at McKay's Church in December last, he heard he heard the Rev Angus McDiarmid call our ministers Baals Prophets, & false Prophets, & that he heard him call McGillaspie several times a limb of the Devil. And further saith not.

Mr Murdoch Murphy being duly sworn saith on oath, that at McKays church in december last, he heard the Rev Angus McDearmid call the present revival of Religion a work of the Devil, that our ministers were Baals Prophets, & that he addressed the Rev John Gillaspie with very abusive language, and called Mr McMillan a lying rascal. & further saith not.

The Revd Messrs John Gillaspie & Daniel Brown being duly sworn saith on oath, that at the time & place mentioned by the two last witnesses the Rev Angus McDearmid said that our ministers were Baals Prophets, & false Prophets, & worshippers of Bals &c.

Mr Browne also saith that McDearmid called Mr Gillaspie a Limb of the Devil, and Mr Gillaspie saith that McDearmid said that Satan had a Synagogue at all our meetings. & further these deponents say not.

Presbytery are of opinion that the charges brought against the Rev Angus McDearmid are fully supported. And Presbytery do therefore depose Mr McDearmid from the office of a Gospel Minister.

Calls were presented to Mr Hugh Shaw from the congregations of Rattlesnake, & the Redhouse which accepted, & the Rev Messrs James Bowman, Leonard Brothers William Paisley, & Ezekiel Currie are appointed an intermediate Presbytery to meet at Rattlesnake Church on the 2nd Friday in January next. The Rev William Paisley to preach the ordination sermon presch & give the charge. Mr Hugh Shaw to prepare a Lecture on Jsai. 53 Chap. & a sermon on Jsaiah 1. 5. & an examination on Theology, Chronology & Church History previous to ordination.

The Rev Messrs Saml Stanford, Leonard Brothers and Andrew Flinn are appointed a committee to examine Messrs James Smilie & Hugh Wiley on the subjects

assigned them at our last stated sessions; and make report tomorrow.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 8 oclock.

concluded with prayer

Wednesday Oct 4.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

The Committee appointed to examine Messrs James Smilie & Hugh Wiley, reported that Mr Hugh Wiley failed to attend; the committee examined Mr James Smilie on the sciences and reported that he acquitted himself to their satisfaction. Presbytery do therefore sustain the same as parts of trial.

Mr Hugh Wiley on account of indisposition of body is not prepared to be examined on the subjects assigned at our last stated sessions.

In consequence of an application by letter to this Presbytery, from Mr Timothy Bloodworth desiring licence to preach the Gospel. Ordered that the Rev Messrs Samuel Stanford, Robert Tate, Andrew Flinn, Daniel Browne, & Malcolm McNair be an intermediate Presbytery to meet in Wilmington on the 18th of December next. That Mr Bloodworth preach a sermon, & be examined on divinity in general previous to licensure.

Mr James Smilie read a sermon, and was examined on the subjects assigned him at our last which were sustained as parts of trial.

Ordered that the Rev Messrs Gillaspies, Murphy, McMillan, & McNair inform Messrs Lindsay's & McDearmid congregations that they are considered as vacant.

And that they furnish those congregations with a copy of the minutes respecting the case of Mesrs Lindsay & McDearmid.

Adjourned to meet at Buffalo Church tomorrow at 9 oclock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

B. C. Thursday. Oct. 6.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

Mesrs James Smilie & Saml Paisley were examined on the Latin & Greek languages which examinations were Justained as parts of trial.

Ordered that Mr James Smilie prepare a sermon on Heb. 2. 3. an exegesis on Undemalum! and an examination on the Confession of Faith, against our next stated sessions.

Ordered that Mr Samuel Paisley prepare a sermon on 1 Peter 4. 18. an examination on the Arts & Sciences; also an examination on the Being and Perfections of God, & original sin; against our next stated Session of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Fayetteville on the first Wednesday in April 1804.

Concluded with Prayer.

Leonard Rather. mo.

William Paisley. Clk.

Fayetteville. April 4. 1804.

Presbytery of Orange met agreably to adjournment, & was opened by the Rev. Leonard Rather our last moderator with a Sermon from Job 21. 17.

Members present the Rev Mesrs David Caldwell, Samuel Stanford, John Gillaspy, Leonard Rather, William Paisley, Daniel Browne, John Matthews, & Andrew Flinn

& the Elders Mesrs: John Donnell, James Maxwell, William Kirk, Samuel Nelson, Duncan McAuslin, & John McIver.

Members absent the Rev Mesrs James Bowman, Robert Tate, Ezekiel Currie & Malcolm McNair.

Constituted with prayer

The Rev David Caldwell was chosen moderator and William Paisley clerk.

The minutes of our last stated sessions were read.

The intermediate presbytery appointed to meet at Rattlesnake Church to ordain Mr Hugh Shaw having failed to attend to that business, & Mr Shaw being now present does not desire that a similar appointment should be made at these sessions.

The Rev. James A Bowman having applied at our last stated Sessions for leave to resign his pastoral charge, and he being ordered to cite his charge to appear at these sessions of Presb. by their commissioners to shew cause if they had any why Presbytery should not accept the resignation. But neither the Rev James Bowman, nor his charge by their commissioners have attended at this time Presb. do therefore dismiss this business untill our next stated Sessions.

The Rev Leonard Prather agreably to order attended at Stoney Creek church, to enquire into the reasons which have influenced them as a congregation to adhere to Mr Thompson after his suspension, also their reasons for having discarded him, & for applying to Presbytery for supplies. Mr Prather reports, that the reason this congregation gave for their things was, they were deceived in the man, but have at length been undeceived, & wish to have nothing more to do with him, & desire to receive supplies from this Presbytery.

Mr James Smilie read a sermon, & an Exegesis, & was examined on the subjects assigned him at our last stated sessions, which were sustained.

Adjourned to meet at this place to-morrow at 4 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday April 5.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

The intermediate Presbytery appointed to meet in Wilmington to license Mr Timothy Bloodworth to preach the gospel did not attend to that business in consequence of the death of Mrs Bloodworth about the time appointed. Ref. did dismiss this business until Mr Bloodworth makes a similar application.

The Rev Samuel Stanford accepted the call from the Grove, and continues the call from Goshen congregation under consideration untill our next stated sessions.

Mr Samuel Bayley read a sermon and was examined on the subjects assigned him at our last stated sessions, which were sustained.

Calls were presented to Mr Murdoch McMillan from the congregations of Bethesda, Buffalo, & Union, which he accepted, and the Rev Messrs John Gillaspie, William Bayley, Daniel Browne, & Malcolm McNair are appointed an intermediate Presbytery to ordain Mr Murdoch McMillan to meet at Union Church on the fourth wednesday in July next, The Rev William Bayley to preach the ordination sermon, preside & give the charge.

Mr Murdoch McMillan to prepare a Lecture on the 23d Psalm, a sermon on Matt. 11. 28. and an examination on Theology, Chronology, and Church History, previous to ordination.

Ordered that Mr Samuel Bayley prepare a Lecture on Psalm 19th a sermon on Job 14. 14. and a general examination on Divinity, against the intermediate Presbytery which is to meet at Union Church where he is to receive Licence.

Ordered that Mr James Smiley prepare a Lecture on the 13th Psalm, a Sermon on Matt 5. 10, and a general ex-amination on divinity against our next Stated Sessions, previous to licensure.

Ordered that the Rev James Bowman, Leonard Rather, & Ezekiel Currie each supply one Sabbath at Stony creek church, before our next Stated Sessions.

The Rev Leonard Rather is appointed commis-sioner to the general Assembly, which is to meet in Philadelphia on the third Thursday in May next.

Ordered that the Rev Messrs Stanford & Matthews each supply one Sabbath at Poplar creek, —

— Messrs Currie & Shaw each one Sab. at Mr Hermon, &

— Messrs Bowman & Paisley each one Sabbat Salem, during the time of Mr Rather's absence at the Assembly.

Mr William Mercny delivered a discourse on 1 Tim. 4. 8. and was examined respecting his experimental acquaintance with religion, & the motives which influence him to desire the sacred office, & was also examined on divini-ty in general; And he having given satisfaction as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, & as to his proficiency in divinity, the Presbytery expressed their approbation of these trials: and he having adopted the confession of faith of this church, & satisfactorily answered the questions, appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed: the Pby did license him the said Wm Mercny to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry.

Adjourned to meet at Allamance church on the last wednesday in September 1804. David Caldwell mo.

Concluded with Prayer. William Paisley Clk

Allamance Church Sept. 26th 1804.

Presbytery of Orange met according to ad-journment.

Members present, the Rev. Messrs David Caldwell, James D. Bowman, Leonard Rather, Wm Paisley, Daniel Browne, Ezekiel Currie, & Malcolm McNair. With the elders Messrs Thomas Wiley, Eli Lindsay, & John McDaniel.

Members absent the Rev Messrs Samuel Stanford, John Gillaspie, Robert Tate, John Matthews, & Andrew Flinn. A Sermon was preached by the Rev Murdoch McMillan from Matt 5. 20-

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev James Bowman was chosen moderator, and Wm Paisley Clerk.

The minutes of our last Stated Sessions were read.

The minutes of the intermediate Presbytery ap-pointed to meet at Union Church to ordain Mr Murdoch McMillan were read, and are as follow.

Union Church July 25th 1804.

Intermediate Presbytery met according to appointment.

Members present the Rev Messrs John Gillaspie, William Paisley, & Daniel Browne.

Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev John Gillaspie was chosen moderator, and Daniel Browne clerk.

Mr Murdoch McMillan delivered discourses on the subjects assigned him at our last Stated Sessions of Presbytery; previous to ordination, And Mr Sam. Paisley delivered a sermon on the subject assigned him by Pby. which discourses were sustained.

and Mssrs. Murdoch McMillan, & Samuel Paisley were examined on the subjects assigned them at last Stated Sessions of Presbytery, which examinations were sustained, as parts of trial.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 10 oclock.
Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday July 26th

Presbytery met according to adjournment.
Constituted with Prayer.

Mr Samuel Paisley delivered a Lecture on the subject assigned him at our last Stated Sessions, which was sustained.

The Rev William Paisley preached the ordination Sermon, from 2 Cor. 2. 16. And who is sufficient for these things. And Mr Murdoch McMillan having answered such questions as our form of Government requires in such cases, he was ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry, by Prayer, & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, & a charge was given suitable to the occasion.

Mr Samuel Paisley having gone thro' the trials assigned him by Presbytery with approbation, and having adopted the confession of faith of this Church, & satisfactorily answered the Questions, appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did License him the said Samuel Paisley to preach the gospel of Christ, as a Probationer for the holy ministry; within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever he shall be orderly called.

Concluded with Prayer.

Danl Browne Clk.

The Rev Messrs James A Bowman, Ezekiel Currie, Daniel Browne, & Murdoch McMillan are appointed a committee to examine Mr James Smiley this evening on the subjects assigned him at our last Stated Sessions, & make report tomorrow.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow 9 oclock.
Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Sept. 27.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.
Constituted with prayer.

An additional call was presented to Mr Hugh Shaw from the congregation of Harts Chapel which he accepted, and the Revd Messrs James A Bowman Ezekiel Currie & Murdoch McMillan are appointed an intermediate Presbytery to meet at Harts Chapel to ordain Mr Shaw on Friday the 19th of October next the Rev James A Bowman to preach the ordination sermon, preside & give the charge, Mr Hugh Shaw to prepare a lecture & Sermon, & be examined on the subjects before assigned him by Presbytery previous to ordination.

Mr Murdoch Murphy one of our Licentiates about to leave our bounds applied for a dismission from this Presbytery, & obtained it, & the Clerk is ordered to write his dismission.

The circumstances which inclined the Rev James A Bowman to request leave to resign his pastoral charge being removed, Presbytery do dismiss that business.

The committee appointed to examine Mr James Smilie reported that they attended to that buſineſs, & approved of his examinations it is therefore juſtained.

Preſbytery adopted all the amendments, & alterations of the forms of proceſs, directory for worſhip, & the form of goovernment propoſed by the committee of the general Aſsembly, and the clerk is ordered to make this know to ſaid committee.

A Letter was received from the Rev Dr Aſbel Green informing preſbytery that the ſtanding committee of miſsions of the general aſsembly of the preſbyterean church in the united States, have a number of religious books & tracts in their hands to be diſtributed throughout the bounds of the general aſsembly. The Rev David Caldwell is appointed to write an order to ſome member of the committee of miſsions for the parcel of books allotted to this preſbytery, & to direct the manner in which they are to be brought to hand.

Reſolved that the firſt wedneſday in novem-ber next be obſerved as a Day of Thankſgiving to Al-mighty God for the outpouring of his ſpirit upon his churchs.

The preſbytery enjoin it on all their members to be more punctual for time to come, in endeavour-ing to obtain contributions for the ſupport of miſsionaries, & to bring forward ſuch contributions to our next fall ſeſsions of Preſbytery to be ſent on to Synod.

Ordered that the Revd Meſsrs James A Bowman and Leonard Prather each ſupply one ſabbath at the Univerſity, before our next ſtated ſeſsions—

Mr James Smilie having gone thro' the trials aſsigned him by preſbytery with approba-tion, & having adopted the confeſsion of faith of this Church, & ſatisfactorily anſwered the queſtions appointed to be put to candidates to be licenced, the Preſbytery did licenſe him the ſd James Smilie to preach the Goſpel of Chriſt as a probationer for the holy miniſtry within the bounds of this preſbytery, or wherever he ſhall be orderly called.

Adjourned to meet at Hawfields Church on the firſt wedneſday in april 1805.

Concluded with Prayer.

James A Bowman Mo

Wm Paiſley Clk

Hairfield Church April 3rd 1806.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon preached by the Rev. James A. Bowman our last moderator from 1 Tim. 4. 2 preach the word.

Members present the Rev. Messrs David Caldwell James A. Bowman, John Gillespie, Leonard Pather, William Paisley, Robert Lathan, Ezekiel B. Currie, John Matthews, Adam Flinn & Murdoch McMillan. With the Elders Messrs William Smith, John Freeland, John Pickard, Joseph Baker, John Dixon, Joseph Taylor, and William Forrest.

Absent Members the Rev. Messrs Samuel Hanford, Daniel Brown, and Malcolm McNair.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev. Andrew Flinn was chosen moderator, and William Paisley Clerk.

The minutes of our last stated sessions & Presbytery were read.

The Presbytery appointed to meet at Hairfield Chapel to ordain Mr Hugh Shaw was [illegible]

Hairfield Church April 1804

Intern Pro[illegible] according to appointment, the Rev. Messrs James A. Bowman, Ezekiel B. Currie & Murdoch McMillan. The Rev. James A. Bowman was chosen moderator & Ezekiel B. Currie Clerk.

Mr Dickey then delivered a lecture and sermon on the subjects assigned him by the Presbytery & was examined on Chronology & Church History which were sustained.

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The Rev James A. Bowman preached the ordination sermon and Mr Shaw having answered the questions our form of Government requires in such cases, he was ordained to the office of the gospel ministry by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery and prayer and a Charge was given suitable to the occasion.

Concluded with prayer.

Ezekiel B. Currie Clk

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow 8 Oclock.

Concluded with Prayer

Thursday April 4th Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

Mr Joseph Caldwell a licentiate from New Brunswick Presbytery applied to this presbytery as a licentiate under our care. Mr Caldwell produced his testimonials & is received as a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery.

The Rev. John Matthews is appointed commissioner to the next general Assembly in behalf of this Presbytery.

Ordered That the Rev. Messrs James A. Bowman Ezekiel B. Currie & Hugh Shaw administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Grassy Creek on the 3rd Sabbath in May.

Also Mr Bowman supply at Neibush on the 2nd Sabbath in May.

Mr Shaw at Neibush on the fourth Sabbath in May.

And Mr Currie at Grassy Creek on the first Sabbath in June in the Absence of Mr Matthews of the General Assembly.

Ordered that the Rev Messrs James H Bowman and Leonard Brather each supply one Sabbath at the University of this State.

Ordered that the Rev. David Caldwell and Saml Paisley each supply one Sabbath at Speedwell Church.

Ordered also that the Rev Messrs Leonard Brather & Saml Paisley each supply one Sabbath at Stony Creek.

And that Saml Paisley one sabbath at Hawfields Church.

Adjourned to meet at Buffaloe Church on the last wednesday in September 1805

Concluded with Prayer.

Andrew Flinn mo.

Wm Paisley Clk

Buffaloe Church Sept 25. 1805.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon preached by the Rev Andrew Flinn our last moderator from 1 Cor 1. 21. When the world by wisdom knew not God it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Members present the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, James H Bowman, Saml Stanford, John Gillaspie, Leonard Brather, Ezekiel Currie, Andrew Flinn, Malcolm McNair, & Wm Paisley.

With the Elders Messrs James Denny, Wm Woods, James McBane, James Thompson, & David Michel.

Members absent the Rev Messrs Robert Tate John Mathews Daniel Browne, Murdoch McMillan, and Hugh Shaw.

Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev Saml Stanford was chosen moderator and Wm Paisley clerk.

The Minutes of our last stated Sessions of Presbytery were read.

A call was presented to the Rev Leonard Brather from Stony Creek congregation which he accepted.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow 9 o'clock

Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday Sept 26.

Presbytery met according to adjournment

Constituted with Prayer

The Rev Andrew Flinn desires leave to resign his pastoral charge, & having it in contemplation shortly to remove out of our bounds, applies for a dismission from this Presbytery.

A letter was received from the Elders of Fayetteville congregation intimating their entire willingness that Mr Flinn should obtain leave to resign his pastoral charge of said congregation, as Mr Flinn's own reasons for desiring a dismission being heard & sustained, his resignation was accepted & he is dismissed from this Presbytery, and the clerk is ordered to write his dismission.

Ordered that the Rev David Caldwell supply on Sabbath at Speedwell.

And Mr Sam.l Bailey supply two sabbaths at the same place.

Reported & to meet at Buffalo Church Moore county on the first wednesday in April 1807

Concluded with Prayer.

Sam.l Stanford mo.

Jn.o Paisley Clk

Buffaloe Church N.C. April 2.nd 1806.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened by a sermon preached by the Rev. Samuel Stanford on the text in Deuteronomy 13. 9. The light of the righteous rejoiceth but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

Members present the Rev.d Messrs. David Caldwell, Sam.l Stanford, James D. Bowman, John Gillespie, Leonard Prather, Robt. Tate, Dan.l Brown, Ezekiel Currie, John Matthews, Murdoch M.cMillan, Malcolm Macnair, Hugh Knox, & Jn.o Paisley with the Elders Messrs. John Cunningham, David Faucet, David White, James Smith, Robert Sloan, James Dalrymple, Peter Smith, and Walter Bain.

Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev.d Leonard Prather was chosen moderator, and James D. Bowman Clerk.

The minutes of our last stated sessions of Presbytery were read.

The Rev.d Messrs. John Brown and Murdock Murphy from South Carolina were present being invited took their seats.

A certain tabby house lying in Richmond and Moore county known by the name of Liberty Congregation made application & was referred under our care

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 oclock

Concluded with Prayer

Thursday. April 3rd 1806.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, constituted with Prayer.

The Presbytery taking into consideration the present state of religion, do appoint the last wednesday in May next as a day of fasting and prayer.

The Rev John Matthews is appointed commissioner to attend the next general assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery do appoint the Revs Messrs James McBowman, Leonard Rather, Joseph Caldwell and Dr Paisley a committee to draft a pastoral letter to the churches under our care soliciting contributions for the purpose of educating pious young men for the gospel ministry, & that they have copies of this letter printed not exceeding 150, & that each member of Presby. me forward to the next stated session prepared to defray the expence of printing.

Mr James Smilie a licentiate under our care expecting to get ord to the ministry & to fill mr. application for ordination, & presbytery and Presbytery recollecting an order of synod enjoining a commission particularly inquiring into this business at the last sitting & done in consequence of that appointment all the presence or some of the members attending the committee. Presby do therefore hope & believe that their conduct will be excused in meeting Mr Smilie's request, & accordingly appoint the Revs Messrs John Brown, John Gillespie, Danl Brown & Malcolm Millair to be an intermediate Presbytery to ordain Mr Smilie & meet at Centre church on the first Friday in Sept next, the Rev John Browne to preach the ordination sermon prelide,

and give the charge. Mr Smilie to prepare a lecture on the 15 Psalm, and a sermon on Psalm 23. 1. previous to ordination.

The Rev John Matthews desires leave to resign his pastoral charge & commissioner from those congregations being presented, did not show any cause why Presbytery should not accept the resignation, and Mr Matthews reasons for desiring this leave being heard, Presbytery did accept the resignation.

Messrs Allen McDougal, John Murphy & John McEntire expressed their desires to be taken under the care of Presbytery as candidates for the Gospel ministry, they were examined on the motives which influenced them to desire the sacred office, & their experimental acquaintance with religion which examinations were sustained. Messrs Murphy & McEntire had each prepared a sermon which Presbytery heard & sustained as part of trial,

Messrs McDougal, McEntire & Murphy were examined on the latin language, & Mr Dougal on the Greek Testament which examinations were sustained.

Presbytery ordered Messrs McDougal & Murphy to prosecute as much of the sciences as he can previous to be examined on at our next sessions, also a sermon on Matt. 11. 28.

— John Murphy prepare to be examined on the Greek language with as much of the sciences as may be convenient, & a sermon on 1 John 3. 9. at our next stated session.

— John McEntire prepare to be examined on the Greek Testament, English grammer & Divinity, & prepare a sermon on 2 song of Sol. 1. 5 & 6 verses, against our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

Ordered that the Rev Mssrs Leonard Rather, James Dilliam and Saml Paisley administer the sacrament of the Lord Supper at Grassy Creek church on the 2nd Sabbath in may next.

—also that Mssrs James Bowman, Ezekiel Currie & Saml Paisley administer the sacrament of the Supper at Nutbush church on the 2nd Sabbath in august next.

Ordered that Saml Paisley preach at Grassy creek church on the 1st Sabbath in may, and at Nutbush church on the first Sabbath in august.

— Ezekiel Currie one Sabbath at Hawfield Church.

— Mssrs David Caldwell & James Bowman each one Sabbath at Speedwell Church.

Ordered also that those members of Presbytery who have not been named to supply, that they supply each two Sabbaths at discretion.

Adjourned to meet at Allmance church on the last wednesday in September 1806.

Concluded with Prayer.

Leonard Rather Mo.
James D Bowman Clk

Allmance Church, Sept 24th 1806.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with a Sermon preached by the Rev James Smelie from Matt 23. 13. Woe unto you Scribes, Pharisees Hypocrites for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men, for ye neither go in yourselves neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Members present the Rev Mssrs David Caldwell Samuel Stanford, James D Bowman, John Gillaspie, Ezekiel Currie, Murdock Macmillan a Wm Paisley.

With the elders Mssrs John Thom, James Hart, James Dalrymple, Samuel White & James Lea.

Absent members the Rev Mssrs Leonard Rather, Robert Tate, Daniel Browne, John Matthews, Hugh Shaw, & Malcolm Macnair.

Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev James D Bowman was chosen moderator and Wm Paisley Clerk.

The minutes of our last stated Sessions were read.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 o'clock

Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday Sept 25

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with Prayer.

The minutes of the intermediate Presbytery appointed to meet at Centre church to ordain Mr James Smilie are as follow.

Centre church Sept. 5th 1806.

Intermediate presbytery met according to appointment The Rev Messrs John Browne, John Gillaspie, Lemuel Browne & Malcolm McNair.

The Rev John Browne was chosen Moderator and Daniel Browne clerk.

Mr James Smilie delivered a lecture and a sermon on the subjects assigned him by Presbytery & was examined on Chronology & Church History & cheerfully & well sustained

The Rev John Browne preached the ordination sermon, and Mr James Smilie having answered the questions our form of government requires in such cases, he was ordained to the office of the gospel ministry by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery & prayer, and a charge was given suitable to the occasion,

Concluded with Prayer.

Lem. Browne Clk

And the Rev James Smilie being present was invited took his seat a member of this Presbytery

The Rev Mr Wilcox absent about to remove out of our bounds desires by letter to have a Dismission from this Presbytery, which is granted & the Clerk is ordered to write his Dismission & forward to him.

A Call was presented to Mr Wm Merony from Deep River congregation which is

accepted, and the Rev Messrs Leonard Prather, John Gillaspie, Murdock McMillan & Wm Dickey are appointed an intermediate Presbytery to meet at Deep river church on Friday the 24th of October next to ordain Mr Merony. The Rev Leonard Prather to preach the ordination sermon presides & give the charge. Ordered that Mr Merony prepare a Lecture on Isaiah 32 1-5 inclusive, and a sermon on Hebrews 12. 28, & be examined on Theology Chronology & Church History previous to ordination.

Mr James Birch expressed his desire to be taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry and Presbytery having received satisfactory information of his moral character of his being a regular member of the church, also a certificate from J. A. Baxter Principal of Washington academy (Ver) that he had read the Latin, and the Sciences in general. Presbytery examined him on the motives which influence him to desire the sacred office, & his experimental acquaintance with religion which examinations were sustained.

Presbytery ordered Mr Birch to prepare to be examined on the Latin Language, moral Philosophy, the Greek Testament, and a Sermon on 1 John 3. 9. against our next stated Sessions of Presbytery.

A letter was received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and Presbytery do approve of the plan of the general assembly mentioned in said letter

Adjourned to meet at Buffalo Church tomorrow at 10 oclock Concluded with prayer.

Friday Sept. 26th 1806.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev. Hugh Shaw by letter desires leave to resign his pastoral charge & Bethesda & Mt Carmel one at Rattlesnake and Mt Bowman one at the Old House, Mr Shaw's congregations in order if possible to prevent Mr Shaw's resigning his pastoral charge of 3 congregations, & they fail in this case to acquaint the moderator that he may call an intermediate Presbytery, & that this presbytery if called meet before the last Sabbath in October next.

Presbytery examined Messrs John McIntire and John Murphy on the greek testament and english Grammer, and Mr McIntire on some subjects in divinity which were sustained as parts of trial.

Messrs Allen McDougald, John Murphy and John McIntire read discourses on the subjects assigned them at our last stated sessions of Presbytery, & examined Allen McDougald on Lucian, Moral Philosophy, & Eloquence which were sustained as parts of trial.

Ordered that John McIntire prepare to be examined on Moral & natural Philosophy & the Introduction to Geography, and a sermon on 1 Tim 1. 12 against our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

Ordered that John Murphy prepare a sermon on John 17. 39 against our next stated sessions.

Ordered that Allen McDougald prepare to be examined on Geography & natural Philosophy and a sermon on Philippians 3. 13 & 14. against our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

Ordered that each member of Presbytery supply one Sabbath at discretion.

Adjourned to meet at Union Church on the first wednesday in April 1807.

Concluded with prayer.

James Bowman. mod.

Hugh Shaw Clk

Union Church April 1st 1807.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Our last moderator being absent, Presbytery was opened with a sermon preached by the Rev Leonard Prather from Amos 4. 12.

Members present the Rev Messrs Samuel Stanford, Leonard Prather, Robert Tate, Daniel Browne, Murdoch Macmillan, Malcolm Macnair, and William Paisley.

With the Elders, Messrs. James Kennan, Timothy Wilson, and George Fawcett.

Absent members the Rev. Messrs David Caldwell, James Bowman, John Gillespie, Ezekiel Currie, Hugh Shaw, and James McAlice.

Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev Robert Tate was chosen Moderator and Wm Paisley Clerk.

The Rev John Robinson a member of Concord Presbytery now residing in our bounds but not yet having received a dismission from said Presbytery being now present was invited took his seat as a corresponding member.

The minutes of our last stated sessions of Presbytery were read.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday April 2d.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

The intermediate Presbytery appointed to meet at Deep River Church to ordain Mr Edmund Moroney failed to attend to that business because of the height of the waters at the time appointed Presbytery did therefore order Mr Moroney to attend at our next stated sessions of Presbytery to receive ordination, with a representative or representatives from the congregation from which he accepted the call. The Rev Leonard Prather is appointed to preach the ordination sermon preside and give the charge.

Mr Mercony to prepare discourses & be examined on the subjects assigned at our last stated Sessions of Presbytery. Previous to ordination

Presbytery were informed that the Rev. Hugh Shaw does not at present desire leave to resign his pastoral charge according to his request at our last stated Session.

Presbytery do therefore dismiss that business until Mr Shaw shall make a similar request.

Messrs. Aiken M'Dougal John Murphy and James Burch candidates under our care being absent from these Sessions of Presbytery, they are ordered to prepare discourses, and be examined at our next stated Sessions of Presbytery on the subjects assigned them at our last.

The Rev Leonard Rather desires leave to resign his pastoral charge. W. Paisley is ordered to cite said charge to attend by their Commissioners at our next stated Sessions of Presbytery to assign reasons if any they have why Presbytery should not accept his Resignation.

Mr John M'Intire read a discourse and was examined on the subjects assigned him at our last stated Sessions, which were sustained as parts of trial.

Ordered that Mr M'Intire prepare a Lecture on Isaiah 35 Chapter and a Sermon on John 3. 16 and a general examination on divinity at our next stated Sessions of Presbytery previous to ordination.

A letter was received from the Synod of the Carolina's requesting that the different Presbyteries composing the Synod be more amply represented in that Judicatory we as a Presbytery acknowledge that we have been shamefully deficient in the discharge of that duty. Therefore as a Presbytery & as individuals we resolve & are determined to be more punctual in the discharge of this our duty in time to come. Ordered that the absent members be informed of this letter.

The Rev James A Bowman is appointed Commissioner to the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in behalf of this Presbytery.

Ordered that the Rev Messrs Leonard Rather, W. Paisley, Hugh Shaw & Ezekiel Currie supply Mr Bowman's pulpit on Sabbath each during his absence at the General Assembly.

Ordered that each member supply two fasts
baths at discretion before our next stated
sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Buffaloe
Church on the fourth wednesday in
September. 1807.

Con Stuord with prayer

Leonard Prather mo.

Wm Paisley Clk

Buffaloe Church Sept 23d 1807

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, our
last moderator being absent. Presbytery was opened
with a sermon from John 3. 9. by Mr James Burch
one of our Candidates.

Members present the Rev Messrs David Caldwell,
Samuel Stanford, Leonard Prather, Ezekiel Currie,
William Paisley, Hugh Shaw, & Murdoch Macmillan
with the Elders Messrs James Denny, David Mitchel,
David White, & John Blue.

Absent members the Rev Messrs James
Bowman, John Gillaspie, Daniel Browne,
Robert Tate, Malcolm M'Nair, & James Smilie.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Ezekiel Currie was chosen moderator
and Samuel Stanford clerk.

The minutes of our last stated sessions of Presbytery
were read.

The Rev Hugh Shaw desired leave to resign
his pastoral charge of the congregation of Bathsda
(formerly Harts Chapel) Mr Shaws reasons being heard
& sustained, & a representation from s. Congregation
being present informed presbytery of their entire willingness
that Mr Shaw should obtain a dismission from them
his resignation was therefore accepted.

A call was presented to the Rev. Ezekiel
Currie from the Congregation of Bathesda for a part

of his ministerial labors, which call he takes under consideration until our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

The Rev Leonard Rather gave his reasons for desiring leave to resign his pastoral charge, according to his request at our last stated sessions & there being no objections brought forward by the charge why the pastoral relation between Mr Rather & that people should not be dissolved. Presbytery therefore accepts his resignation.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 Oclock. Concluded with prayer

Thursday

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer

The Presbytery examined Messrs Burch & McIntire on the subjects assigned them, which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr John McIntire delivered a Lecture and Sermon on the subject assigned him at our last stated sessions which were sustained as parts of trial previous to licensure.

Messrs James Burch & John McIntire having given satisfaction as to their experimental acquaintance with religion, & as to their proficiency in Divinity & Presbytery having expressed their approbation of their trials & they having adopted the confession of Faith of this church, & satisfactorily answered the Questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the

Presbytery did license them the Rev Messrs James Burch & John McIntire to preach the Gospel of Christ as Probationers for the holy ministry

Ordered that each member of Presbytery and each Licentiate endeavor to obtain as much money as they can for the purpose of educating poor & pious youth for the gospel ministry & to bring it forward at our next stated sessions of Presbytery. And the Rev Messrs Currie & Pagley with the Elders Messrs James Denny & John Watt are appointed to select a committee pious youth of promising talents to be educated for the gospel ministry. Also the Rev. Messrs McMillan, Browne, & McPhail with the elders Messrs Archd McDougald & Wm Browne be another committee for the same purpose, & that each committee make report of their success at our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow 9 oclock. Concluded with prayer

Friday

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer

Mr Allen McDougald read a sermon & was examined on the subject assigned him at our last stated sessions which were sustained as part of trial. And he ordered to prepare to be examined on Geometry

Trigonometry & Algebra, to prepare an exegesis on Sum pana inprorum sit eterna, an examination on the first ten chapters of the confession of faith, & a sermon on Psalm 23. 1. against our next Stated sessions of Presbytery. —

Mr Archibald Buie expressed his desire to be taken under the care of presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry, & having produced satisfactory testimonials of his good moral character, & of his being a regular member of the church, he was examined on the motives which influenced him to desire the sacred office & his experimental acquaintance with Religion which examinations were sustained, & he was taken under the care of Presbytery; & was ordered to prepare a sermon on John 14. 6 against our next Stated sessions.

Messrs Gillaspie, Murphy, & M'Millan are ordered to administer the sacrament of the Lord Supper at Baird's Church on the first Sabbath in Nov^r next.

Mr Wm M'Clure is ordered to preach three Sabbaths at Rockyfork church before our next Stated sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Buffaloe church in Moore County on the first Wednesday in April 1808. — Concluded with prayer. —

Ezekiel Currie mod.

Samuel Stanford clk.

Buffaloe Church April 6th 1808.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. and was opened by the Rev Ezekiel Currie with a sermon our last moderator, from Ezek. 37. 9 —

Members present the Rev Messrs Samuel Stanford, James Bowman, John Gillaspie, D. Murphy, Daniel Browne, Ezekiel Currie, Hugh Shaw, Malcolm M'Nair, & Murdoch M'Millan.

With the elders Messrs James Clark, John Campbell, Samuel Woods, John M'Nair, James Dalrymple, & W. Wm Buie.

Absent Members the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, Leonard Rather, Robert Tate, & James Smiley.

Constituted with prayer —

The Rev Malcolm M'Nair was chosen moderator & James A. Bowman clerk —

The minutes of our last stated sessions of Presbytery were read.

The Rev Wm Turner formerly a member of the Presbytery of Lexington produced satisfactory testimonials of his regular standing & an authenticated certificate of his release from the presbytery of Lexington to join this Presbytery of Orange, he was thereon received as a member of this presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 oclock

Concluded with prayer —

Thursday. Met according to adjournment.
Constituted with prayer.

The Rev. Ezekiel Currie continues the call from Bethsda congregation under consideration untill the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr James Burck received a call from Newbern, and the Rev. Messrs Hanford, Turner, Robinson & Murphy were appointed an intermediate Presbytery to meet in Newbern on Friday the 27th of May next to ordain Mr Burck. The Rev Wm L Turner to preach the ordination sermon & Mr Hanford to preside & give the charge. Mr Burck is ordered to prepare a Lecture on the 23 Psalm & a sermon on Luke 18. 13. & be examined on Theology Chronology & Church History previous to ordination.

A letter was received from the Rev Leonard Prather containing a penitential confession of the crime of intoxication. Presbytery did notwithstanding suspend him from the exercise of the ministerial office, untill our next stated Sessions of Presbytery.

Mr Allen McDougald read a sermon, and was examined on the subjects assigned him at the last meeting of Presbytery which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr John Murphy read a sermon on a subject assigned him by Presbytery & was examined on the Greek language, on Rhetoric, Logic, Natural & moral philosophy which were sustained as parts of trial.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 oclock

Concluded with prayer.

Friday

Presbytery met according to adjournment.
Constituted with Prayer.

The committee appointed to select pious youth for the gospel ministry reported that they have not selected any, and no collections have been made for the purpose of educating such youth yet because of the importance of the object, the order for endeavoring to make collections for that purpose is continued.

The Rev Messrs Gillaspie, McMillan, Brown & McNair are appointed an intermediate presbytery, to meet at Bethesda church on Friday the 13th of may next to license Messrs Allen McDougald & John Murphy to preach the Gospel as probationers for the holy ministry. Mr McDougald to prepare a lecture on the 35th Chap. of Isaiah, and a sermon on Heb. 4. 9. Mr Murphy to prepare a Lecture on the 51st Psalm, & a sermon on Heb. 12. 1. & each a general examination on Divinity previous to licensure.

Mr Archibald Buie read a discourse on the subject assigned at the last meeting of Presbytery, & was examined on English Grammer which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr Buie is ordered to prepare a sermon on Prov. 1. 23. & to be examined on as much of the Languages, & Sciences as will be convenient for him at our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

The Rev. James A Bowman is appointed on behalf of this Presbytery as a commissioner to the next general Assembly.

The Rev Messrs Paisley, Currie Shaw & Mcroney are appointed to supply Mr Bowmans pulpit each one sabbath during his absence at the General Assembly.

The Rev Messrs Paisley, Currie, and Gillaspie are appointed to supply each one sabbath at Grassy Creek & Nutbush churches, before our next stated Sessions of Presbytery.

Messrs Mcroney & Saml Paisley are are appointed to supply one Sabbath each at Mount Hermon Church before the next meeting of Presbytery.

Messrs Ed Paisley & Wm B. Mcroney are appointed to itinerate some time at discretion in the lower parts of this State. before next Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Allimance Church on the last Wednesday in September 1808.

Concluded with prayer.

Malcolm Macnair mo.

James A Bowman Clk

Allamance Church Sept 28th 1808.

The Presbytery met according to appointment & was opened by the Rev Malcolm McNair our last Moderator with a Sermon from Isaiah 9. 6.

Members present the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, John Gillaspie, William Paisley Robert Tate, Daniel Browne, Malcolm McNair, Ezekiel Currie & Murdock McMillan.

With the Elders Messrs William Smith, William Bain, Samuel Scott, David Mitchel, & John Bain.

Absent members the Rev Messrs Samuel Stanford, James A Bowman, Hugh Shaw, William L. Turner, & James Smilie.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Daniel Browne was chosen moderator and Murdock McMillan clerk.

The Rev Andrew Flinn a member of the first presbytery of South Carolina was present, & being invited took his seat as a corresponding member.

The minutes of our last stated Sessions were read.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday Sept. 29.

Presbytery met according to adjournment
Constituted with Prayer.

The call from the congregation of Bethesda for the Rev. Ezekiel Currie which he had under consideration he did not accept. And he desired leave to resign his pastoral charge of Upper Rico congregation, a commissioner from said congregation being present, he did not shew any cause why Presbytery should not accept the resignation, & Mr Currie's reasons for desiring this leave being heard & sustained. Presbytery did therefore accept the resignation.

Calls were presented to the Rev Ezekiel Currie from the congregations of Grassy Creek & Nutbush which he accepted.

Mr James M Thompson expressed his desire to be taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry, & having received satisfactory testimonials of his moral character, & of his being a regular member of the church, the Presbytery did examine him on the motives which influenced him to desire the sacred office, & his experimental acquaintance with religion, which examination was sustained, & Mr Thompson was appointed to prepare to be examined in the Latin & Greek Languages & on the Sciences and a sermon on Jno 3. 16. at our next stated Sessions of Presbytery

Mr Allen McDugald thro indisposion did not attend the intermediate Presbytery appointed for his licensure, he being now present delivered

a sermon & a lecture & was examined on the subjects assigned him at our last stated Sessions of Presbytery which were sustained as parts of trial previous to licensure and Mr Allen McDugald having given satisfaction as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to his proficiency in divinity, & Presbytery having expressed their approbation of his trials, & he having adopted the confession of faith of this church, & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed. The Presbytery did license him the said Allen McDugald to preach the gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry.

Mr Archibald Buie read a sermon and was examined on the Latin language which were sustained as parts of trial, & he is ordered to prepare a sermon on Eph. 5. 14. & an examination on the Greek Testament, Euclids elements, & moral philosophy against our next stated Sessions of Presbytery.

The minutes of the intermediate appointed to meet at Newbern were read & are as follows

Newbern. May 27th 1808

Intermediate Presbytery met according to appointment. The Rev Messrs Samuel Stanford Wm L Turner & Murdoch Murphy. The Rev Sam[l] Stanford was chosen moderator & Murdoch Murphy Clerk.

Mr James Burch delivered a sermon & Lecture on the subjects assigned him by Presbytery & was examined on Chronology & Church History which were sustained.

The Rev d^m. Turner preached the ordination sermon, and Mr Burch having answered the questions the form of government requires in such cases, he was ordained to the holy office of the Ministry, by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery & prayer, and a charge was given suitable to the occasion.

Concluded with prayer.

Murdoch Murphy Clk.

The minutes of the intermediate presbytery appointed to meet at Bethesda Church to licence Mr Murphy are as follows.

Bethesda Church - May 13th 1808.

Intermediate presbytery met according to appointment. Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Daniel Browne was chosen moderator & Murdoch McMillan clerk.

Mr John Murphy delivered a sermon & a Lecture & was examined on the subjects assigned him by Presbytery previous to licensure, & he having answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did licence him to preach the everlasting gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry.

Murdoch McMillan Clk.

The Rev Daniel Browne desired leave to resign his pastoral charges, and commissioners from his congregations being present, they did not shew any reasons why Presbytery should not accept the resignation, & Mr Browne's reasons for desiring this leave being heard Presbytery

did accept the resignation.

The Presbytery from reports received relative to Mr Rather have thought it expedient to continue his suspension & did appoint the Rev Mssrs James H Bowman, William Paisley, William L Turner Hugh Shaw & Ezekiel Currie an intermediate Presbytery to meet at Grapy creek church on the last Friday in November next to investigate Mr Rathers case more fully. Presbytery also request Mr Currie to inform the Elders of Grapy creek & Nutbush congregations, that they are desired to cite such persons to attend said presbytery as they may deem necessary to cast light on the subject.

Ordered that the Rev Mssrs Hugh Shaw & Ezekiel Currie preach one Sabbath each at the Frame Meetinghouse near Col. Hunters before the next meeting of Presbytery.

Also ordered that the Rev Mssrs Bowman Mirony, & Samuel Paisley each supply one sabbath at Salem Church before our next stated Sessions of Presbytery.

also that the Rev Mssrs Bowman, Paisley & Shaw each supply one sabbath at Upper Rico meetinghouse before next Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet in the city of Raleigh on the first Friday in April 1809.

Concluded with prayer.

Daniel Browne Mod.

Murdoch McMillan Clk

These records were this day received & approved by the Synod of the Carolinas

Jas Hall Mod. S.S.

Raleigh. April 7th 1809

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment. Our last Moderator has not arrived at the commencement of public worship, Presbytery was opened by the Rev. Wm Paisley with a sermon from Heb. 2. 3.

Members present the Rev Messrs. James H Bowman, Wm L Turner, Daniel Browne, Hugh Shaw James K Burch & Wm Paisley.

with the Elders Messrs John Strain and William Albarn.

Absent Members the Rev Messrs. David Caldwell, Sam.l Stanford, John Gillaspie Robert Tate, Ezekiel B Currie, Malcolm M'Nair, Murdock Macmillan & James Smelie.

Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev James H Bowman was chosen Moderator and Wm Paisley Clerk.

The minutes of our last stated Session of Presbytery were read.

Adjourned to meet at at this place tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Saturday April 8th

The Presbytery met according to adjournment Constituted with Prayer.

Calls were presented to Mr Jonathan McEntire from the Congregation of Beards and Harmony which he accepted and the Rev Messrs John Gillaspie Daniel Browne, Murdoch Macmillan Malcolm M'Nair & Murdock Murphy were appointed an intermediate Presbytery to ordain Mr McEntire to meet at Beard's Church on the last Friday in June next.

Mr McIntyre was ordered to prepare a Lecture on Matt 25. 1—13. a sermon on John 14. 6. & prepare to be examined on Church History & Divinity previous to ordination. The Rev Daniel Browne was appointed to preach the ordination sermon preside & give the Charge.

Mr John Graves a licentiate from the Presbytery of Hanover now residing in our bounds, & brought forward his dismission from the Presbytery of Hanover to join the Presbytery of Orange, he was therefore received as a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery.

The Minutes of the Intermediate Presbytery appointed to meet at Grassy Creek Church are as follows: —

Grassy Creek Church.
November the 25. 1808. —

The Intermediate Presbytery met according to appointment.

Members present the Revd. Messrs. Chas. Mc Ilvie, Wm. Shaw & Wm. Fairley. With the Elders Messrs Howel Lewis and John Cornwell.

The Elders Wm. Turner and James M. Brittain who were appointed by Presbytery to attend were admitted.

Prayer by the Moderator.

The Revd. Wm. Shaw was chosen Moderator and Wm. Fairley Scribe pro tem.

As this Intermediate Presbytery was appointed to meet in consequence of a report having reached the Presbytery of Orange that Mr Richard Rather had been guilty of some misconduct since his suspension from the ministerial office, he was present, & being called upon appeared before the Intermediate Presbytery & spoke freely and openly confessed that it was even so, & was therefore thought unnecessary to take the depositions of the witnesses

that were cited. Mr Rather appeared very penitent and expressed deep sorrow for his conduct and made very solemn promises of reformation to which motives the Intermediate Presbytery hope that he has attained repentance towards God for his crimes, & that for time to come he would crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts & live to the glory of God. Therefore the intermediate Presbytery knowing that the success of the Gospel in a great measure depends upon the unblemished character & good report of its ministers thought it best that some longer time of eminent & exemplary humble & edifying conversation & conduct ought to be allowed Mr Rather to heal the wounds made by his scandal, & that his suspension from the ministerial office ought to be continued at least until our next stated sessions of Presbytery. And if Mr Rather continued to give satisfactory evidences of repentance & reformation until our next stated sessions of Presbytery, & if at that time Presbytery may see their way clear, the Intermediate Presbytery did suppose that Mr Rather's suspension ought then to be removed.

Concluded with prayer

Wm. Fairley Clk

After those minutes were read, Mr Prather came forward & again expressed sorrow for his conduct & made further promises of reformation &c. It was also stated to Presbytery by Letter from the Congregation in the bounds of which Mr Prather then lived, that he had appeared very penitent & for some time past had acted agreeably to the Christian character &c. yet notwithstanding these things Presbytery appeared at a very great loss to know what was duty in that case, but upon the whole they found that Mr Prather had obtained genuine repentance for his crimes, & that for him to come he would once act consistent with the character and dignity of a Minister of the Gospel of Christ. Presbytery did therefore remove the suspension, & restored him to the exercise of his ministerial office.

Adjourned to meet at this place on monday at 8 Oclock. Concluded with Prayer.

Monday April 10th

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev Messrs Wm L. Turner & James K. Burch were appointed Commissioners to the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, on behalf of this Presbytery.

Mr [illegible] Bain read a sermon, & was examined on the subjects assigned him at our last stated sessions of Presbytery which were sustained as part of trial; & he was ordered to prepare & deliver before the Presbytery at its next meeting, a sermon on Gen. 5. 24. & was examined on Ordo Salutis & a general examination as to Piety at our next stated sessions of Presbytery, previous to Licensure.

Mr Archd Bain one of our Candidates (who was ordered at our last stated sessions of Presbytery to prepare a sermon on Gen. 5. 24. and an examination on the Greek Testament Euclids Elements & moral Philosophy) was absent from these sessions of Presbytery.

Ordered that the Members of Presbytery each supply one Sabbath at Inspection before our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Buffaloe Church on the last Friday in December 1809.

Concluded with Prayer.

James F Boardman Mod.

Wm Bailey Clk

Buffalo Church Sept 29th 1809—

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, Our last moderator being absent, presbytery was opened by Mr James A. Thompson one of our Candidates with a sermon from 2 Cor. 5. 17.

Members present the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, John Gillaspie Robt Tate Leonard Bratton, Hugh Shaw Ezekiel Balmer, Malcolm McPhail, Murdoch McMillan, and Wm Paisley.

Ruling Elders Messrs John Cunningham, Samuel Wilson & Wm Kay.

Absent members the Revd Messrs Samuel Stanford, James H. Wadman, Wm Turner, Dan'l Brandt, James R. Burch & James Hall.

Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev Murdoch McMillan was chosen Moderator & Wm Paisley Clerk—

The Rev Matthew Flinn a member of the 3d Presbytery of N Carolina was present & being invited took his seat as a corresponding member—

[illegible] Presbytery now Meeting in and bounds, [illegible] Presbytery of Hanover [illegible] Presbytery of Orange, it was [illegible] members of this Presbytery—

[illegible] Brethren to attend a Presbytery from this presbytery to the 3d Presbytery of N Carolina The Clerk was ordered to write his dismission—

The Rev Hugh Shaw desired leave to resign his pastoral charge, a commission from said charge being presented & not seeing any cause why if they should not accept his resignation, it was therefore dismissed.

Mr James A Thompson delivered a Lecture and read an exegesis & was examined on the subjects assigned him at our last stated sessions which subjects with the sermon preached at the opening of Presbytery were sustained as parts of trial previous to licensure.

Adjourned to meet at Alliance Church on tomorrow at 9 o'clock Concluded with Prayer

Alliance Church Sept 30th Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with Prayer.

Mr James A Thompson having gone thro the trials assigned him by Presbytery & approbation, and having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church & made the required answers to questions proposed to be put to Candidates to be licensed by Presbytery to license him the said James A Thompson to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of other Presbytery, wherever he shall be orderly called.

The Rev Murdoch McMillan was chosen Treasurer of this Presbytery.

Mr Archd Buie was examined on Geography, Moral Philosophy, ~~on the Greek Testament~~, and read a sermon on the subject assigned him by Presbytery which were sustained as parts of trial. And Mr Buie was ordered to prepare a sermon on Luke 15. 18 & 19. and an examination on the Greek Testament, Lucian, Euclid, Elements and Algebra at our next stated sessions. Messrs Benjaman Rice, Daniel Smith & John McLane expressed their desires to be taken under the care of this Presbytery as Candidates for the gospel ministry, & were examined on the motives which influenced them to desire the sacred office, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, which examinations were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr Benjaman Rice was ordered to prepare a Sermon on Rom. 5. 1 & to be examined on Lucian, & his Discourses at our next stated sessions. He was examined on the Latin language & the Greek Testament which examinations were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr John McLane was examined on the Latin language which was sustained, & he was ordered to prepare a [illegible] & Heb. 2. 3. And an examination on the Greek Testament, Lucian, Euclids Elements and Algebra. [illegible]

[illegible] was examined on the Greek Testament [illegible] to prepare a Sermon on [illegible] 3 10 & 11 & an examination on the Latin language, Cicero's Dialogues, Algebra Euclids Elements, & moral philosophy at our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

The Members of the Intermediate Presbytery appointed to meet at Beards Church to ordain Mr John McIntyre were read & are as follows.

Beards Church June the 30th 1809.

The Intermediate Presbytery met according to appointment. Members present the Rev Messrs John Gillaspie, Murdoch McMillan, & Malcolm McNair.

Constituted with Prayer.

The Rev John Gillaspie was chosen moderator, and Malcolm McNair Clerk.

Mr John McIntyre preached a sermon & delivered a lecture, & was examined on the subjects assigned him by Presbytery which were sustained as parts of trial previous to Ordination.

The Rev Daniel Browne who was appointed to preach the ordination sermon being absent, the sermon was preached by the Rev John Gillaspie, & Mr McIntyre having answered such questions as our form of Government requires in such cases, he was ordained to the holy office of the Gospel ministry by prayer, & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and a charge was given suitable to the occasion.

Concluded with Prayer.

Malcolm McNair Clk.

Ordered that each member of Presbytery supply each two Sabbaths at discretion before our next stated Sessions & Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at the Bluff Church on the first Wednesday in April next. Murdoch McMillan Mc

Concluded with Prayer. J McCaisley Clk

Bluff Church. April 4th 1810.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.
Our last Moderator being absent, the Presbytery was opened by the Rev. Sam.e Stanford with a sermon from Psalm 24. 3.

Members present the Rev. Messrs Sam.l Stanford, James A. Bowman, Jn.o Gillaspie, Wm.m L. Turner & Jn.o McIntyre.

With the Elders Messrs Thos. Bain, Arch.d Graham, David Thompson & William Beck.

Absent Members The Rev. Messrs David Caldwell, Wm. Paisley, Rob.t Tate, Leo. Prather, Ezekiel B. Clark, Malcolm McNair, Murdoch McMillan, Murdoch Murphy, Hugh Shaw, Ja.s K. Burch, & Ja.s Smilie.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev. Sam.l Stanford was chosen Moderator, and James A. Bowman Clerk.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

April 5th The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

The minutes of our last stated sessions of Presbytery were read.

Messrs Benjamin Rice, Daniel Smith, John McLain and Arch.d Buie each a sermon, on the subjects assigned them at our last stated sessions of Presbytery which were sustained as parts of trial.

Messrs Arch.d Buie, Daniel Smith & Jn.o McLain were examined on the subjects assigned them at our last stated sessions which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. Ben. Rice thro' Indisposition was not prepared to be examined at these sessions of Presbytery on the subjects assigned him at our last stated sessions of Presbytery ordered Mr. Rice in addition to those subjects, to prepare for a general examination on Divinity, a Lecture on Luke 15. 1 & 8 verses inclusive, a sermon on Jn.o 8. 12 and an exegesis on Unde malum? against our next stated sessions of Presbytery previous to licensure.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

April 6th The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

Mr. Daniel Smith was ordered to prepare a sermon on John 10. 27 & to be examined on Natural philosophy, Astronomy, Trigonometry, & Rhetoric, with the first ten chapters of the confession of Faith at our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

Mr. John McLain was ordered to prepare a sermon on John 6. 44. & to be examined on Trigonometry, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, & Rhetoric, with the first ten chapters of the confession of Faith against our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

Mr Archd Buie was ordered to prepare to be examined on Geometry, Trigonometry, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy & Rhetoric, with the first ten chapters of the confession of Faith, at our next stated Sessions of Presbytery.

Messrs William Peacock, and Colin McIver respectively their desires to be taken under the care of this Presbytery as candidates for the gospel ministry, & were examined on the motives which influenced them to desire the sacred office, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, which examinations were sustained as parts of trial.

And Mr William Peacock was ordered to prepare a Sermon on Matt. 11. 28. and to be examined on english Grammar, History, & Moral Philosophy, at our next stated Sessions of Presbytery.

Mr Colin McIver was ordered to prepare a Sermon on John 3. 9. & to be examined on the Latin Language, Geography, Antient & moral philosophy at our next stated Sessions of Presbytery.

The Rev John Gillaspie requested a dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Abingdon, the Clerk was ordered to write his dismission.

The Rev Ezekiel B. Currie was appointed a Commissioner to the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Rev Wm L Turner was ordered to supply one sabbath at the Bluff Church & one at Averysboro before our next stated Sessions.

The Rev Jno McIntyre one sabbath at Philadelphos Church, & one at Lumber Bridge Church, before next Presbytery.

The Rev Malcolm McNair to supply one sabbath at the Bluff Church, & Murdoch McMillan to supply one sabbath at Averysboro, and the rest of our members each to supply two sabbaths at discretion before our next stated Sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Buffaloe Church on the last Thursday in September next.

Concluded with prayer.

Saml Stanford. Mod.
Jas W. Bowman Clk.

Buffalo Church. Sept 24th 1810.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Mr Benjamin Rice, one of our Candidates on Jn.o 3. 16.

Members present the Rev. Messrs David Caldwell, Sam.l Stanford, James R. Bowman, Ezekiel B. Currie, Leonard Rather, Murdoch McMillan, Jn.o McIntyre, and William Paisley.

With the Elders Messrs Jn.o Donnell, Jn.o Kerr, Sam.l Kilpatrick, and Richard Dunn.

Absent Members the Rev. Messrs Wm L. Turner, Robert Tate, Malcolm McNair, James R. Burch, Hugh Shaw, Murdoch Murphy, & James Smiley.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev. Leonard Rather was chosen Moderator and Wm Paisley clerk.

The minutes of our last stated sessions of Presbytery were read.

A call was presented to Mr Wm B Meroney one of our Licentiates from the Congregation of the Brown Marsh which is accepted and the Rev Messrs Sam.l Stanford, Wm Turner, Wm Paisley, Murdoch McMillan, Malcolm Clair & Jn.o McIntyre were appointed an intermediate Presbytery to ordain Mr Meroney. to meet at the Brown Marsh church on the 3rd Thursday in November next. The Rev. Wm Turner was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, preside, & give the charge,

Wm B. Meroney was ordered to prepare a Lecture on Isaiah 32. 1st 5 inclusive, and a sermon on Hebrews 12. 28. and an examination on Theology, Chronology & Church History previous to ordination.

The Rev James R. Burch applied by letter to be dismissed from his pastoral charge, & also for a dismission from this presbytery to join the presbytery of Philadelphia. Said charge informed presbytery by letter of their willingness that Mr Burch should resign his pastoral charge, the presbytery accepted his resignation, & he was also dismissed from this presbytery to join the presbytery of Philadelphia.

A letter was received from the Rev Wm McPheeters of Raleigh accompanied with his dismission from the presbytery of Lexington to join this presbytery, he was therefore received as a member of this presbytery.

Mr Benjamin Rice delivered a Lecture on the subject assigned him at last stated Sessions of Presbytery which with the sermon preached at the opening of Presbytery, were sustained as parts of trial previous to licensure.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Sept 28. Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

Mr Wm Peacock read a sermon, and was examined on the subjects assigned him at our last Sessions, which were sustained as parts of trial. And Wm Peacock was ordered

to prepare a Lecture on Isaiah 12. a sermon on Psalm 1. 6. and a general examination on divinity against the intermediate presbytery to meet at the Brown Marsh Church on the 3d Thursday in November. next, previous to licensure.

Mr Colin McIver was absent from these sessions of Presbytery, he was ordered to prepare a sermon, and an examination on the subjects assigned him at our last stated sessions, & in addition to those to prepare a sermon on Psalm 24. 3. against our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

Mr Archd Buie was examined on the subjects assigned him at our last stated sessions, which were sustained as parts of trial, and he was ordered to prepare a Lecture on Psalm 15. a sermon on Rev. 3. 20. and a general examination on divinity, against the intermediate presbytery appointed to ordain Mr Mooney, previous to licensure.

Mr Daniel Smith read a sermon and was examined on the subjects assigned him at our last stated sessions of Presbytery, which were sustained as parts of trial and he was ordered to prepare a Lecture on Psalm 23. a sermon on Romans 8. 1. and a general examination on Divinity against our next stated sessions of Presbytery previous to licensure.

Mr Wm McLain read a sermon, & was examined on the subjects assigned him at our last stated sessions, which were sustained as parts of trial, & he was ordered to prepare a Lecture on Psalm 1. a sermon on Rom. 8. 31. and a general examination on divinity, against our next stated sessions of Presbytery

Mr Benjamin Rice was examined on the subjects assigned him by presbytery which were sustained as parts of trial. And Mr Rice having gone thro' the trials assigned him by presbytery with approbation, and having adopted the confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed. The presbytery did licence him the said Benjamin Rice to preach the gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this presbytery, or wherever he shall be orderly called.

Resolved That Mr McClain be appointed to preach one Sabbath at Philadelphos, and one at the Lumberbridge Church before our next stated Sessions.

— Mr Turner one sabbath at Avery's boro.
— Mr McDougald one at Averys boro.
— Mr McIntyre one at Barbecue.
Mr Bowman one at Rattlesnake Church and one at Greer's Church.
— Mr Rather one at the Red House.
— Mr Currie one at Greers Church.
— Mr Sam.l Paisley one at Rattlesnake.
— Mr Rice four Sabbaths in the County of Caswell.

Adjourned to meet at Buffaloe Church on the first wednesday in April 1811.

Concluded with prayer.

Leonard Rather Mod.
Wm Paisley Clk

Buffaloe Church April the 3d 1811—

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment. Our last Moderator being absent, Presbytery was opened with a sermon by Wm Paisley from Rev 7. 9—

Members present the Rev Messrs Samuel Stanford, James H. Bowman, Wm L. Turner, Malcolm McNair, Wm McPheeters, Jno McIntyre, & Wm Paisley—

With the Elders Messrs Wm Murray, Jno McNair, & Hugh Cameron—

Absent Members the Rev Messrs David Caldwell, Robert Tate, Leonard Rather, Hugh Shaw, Ezekiel B. Currie, Murdoch McMillan, Murdoch Murphy & James Smith.

Constituted with prayer—

The Rev James H Bowman was chosen Moderator. And the Rev Malcolm McNair Clerk—

The Min[utes] of our last stated Sessions of Presbytery were read—

[illegible] having removed to the State of Georgia, applied by letter to be dismissed from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Harmony, & the Clerk was ordered to write his dismission.

Mr John Murphy one of our Licentiates applied by letter, to obtain a dismission from this Presbytery to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of South Carolina, & the Clerk was ordered to write his dismission—

Adjourned to meet at this place to morrow at 10 o'clock—

Concluded with prayer—

Thursday April 4th 1811— The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer—

In consequence of leave obtained from the Synod of the Carolina's to ordain the Rev Joseph Caldwell one of our Licentiates, Sine titulo, the Rev Messrs James H Bowman, Wm L Turner, Wm McPheeters, & Leonard Rather, were appointed an intermediate Presbytery to ordain Mr Caldwell, to meet in the City of Raleigh on Friday the 24th day of May next. Mr Caldwell was appointed to prepare a sermon on Rev. 20. 6. & a general examination on Divinity, Chronology, & Church History, previous to ordination. The Rev Wm L. Turner was appointed to preach the ordination Sermon, and the Rev Wm McPheeters to preside & give the charge—

The Minutes of the intermediate Presbytery appointed to meet at the Brown Marsh Church are as follows—

Brown Marsh Church November the 15th 1810—

The intermediate Presbytery met according to appointment, Members present the Rev. Sam.l Stanford, Wm.m L Turner, Wm.m Paisley, Murdoch Macmillan, Malcolm McNair, & John McIntyre,

Constituted with prayer—

The Rev Wm.m Paisley was chosen moderator, & Murdoch McMillan Clerk—

Mr Wm.m B Meroney delivered a Lecture and sermon on the subjects assigned him by Presbytery, and was examined on Divinity, Chronology, and Church History, which were sustained as parts of trial previous to ordination—

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at ten oclock.

Concluded with prayer.

day Nov. 16. The Presbytery met according to adjournment

Constituted with prayer.

Messrs Wm.m Peacock, and Arch.d Buie delivered Lectures & Sermons and were examined on the subjects assigned them by Presbytery, which were sustained as parts of trial previous to licensure, and they having gone thro the trials assigned them by Presbytery, and having adopted

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the confession of faith of this church, & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed. The Presbytery did license them the said Wm.m Peacock, & Arch.d Buie to preach the Gospel of Christ as probationers for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever they shall be orderly called.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at eleven oclock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Nov. 17. The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev. Wm.m L. Turner preached the ordination Sermon, and Wm.m B. Meroney having satisfactorily answered the questions our form of Government requires in such cases, he was ordained to the holy office of the ministry, by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery & prayer. And a charge was given suitable to the occasion.

Concluded with prayer.

Murdoch Macmillan. Cl.k

The Rev Messrs Wm.m L Turner, Sam.l Stanford, & Wm.m McPheeters were appointed a Committee to examine Mr Colin McIver this evening on the subjects assigned him by Presbytery.

Messrs Daniel Smith, John McLane, and Colin McIver each delivered sermons on the

subjects assigned them by Presbytery which were sustained as parts of trial.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 10 o'clock Concluded with prayer.

Friday. April 5. The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

Messrs Daniel Smith, John McLane, & Colin McIver delivered Lectures and were examined on the subjects assigned by the Presbytery, which were sustained as parts of trial previous to licensure; & they having gone thro' the trials assigned them by Presbytery with approbation, and having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed. The Presbytery did license them the said Daniel Smith, John McLane, & Colin McIver to preach the Gospel of Christ as probationers for the holy ministry wherever the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever they shall be orderly called.

Messrs [illegible] Hall & Robert Tate Ministers, and Messrs James McLane & Elisha Stadman Elders, were appointed Commissioners, on

behalf of this Presbytery, to attend the next general assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Ordered That Messrs Allen McDougald, Samuel Paisley & Daniel Smith supply Wm Paisley's pulpit in his absence at the General Assembly.

Ordered that each member of Presbytery supply two Sabbaths at discretion before our next stated Sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Allemance Church on the last Thursday in September next.

Concluded with prayer.

James H. Bowman Mod.

M. McNair Clerk.

Synod of the Carolina's at Fourth Creek Oct. 10. 1811. } This book was reviewed to this place & approved

Sam'l McElhenney Mr.

Allimance Church. September the 2d. 1811.

The presbytery of Orange met according to appointment, and was opened by the Rev. James H. Bowman our last moderator with a sermon from John 1. 29.

Members present the Rev Dr David Caldwell, the Revs Messrs Leon. Stanford, James H. Bowman, Wm Paisley, Leonard Rather, Robert Tate, Ezek. B. Currie, Malcolm McClair, Murdock Macmillan, John McIntyre, & Wm Peroune & the Elders Messrs Thomas Wiley, David White, John Boyd, Wm Bain, John Sims & James Murdock.

Absent Members the Rev Messrs Wm L. Turner, Wm McChesney, Hugh Shaw & James Smith.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Murdock MacMillan was chosen moderator, and Wm McChesney clerk.

The minutes of our last stated sessions & presbytery were read.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday. Sept 3d.

The presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

Mr Colin McIver a licentiate under the care of this presbytery requested a dismission & place himself under the care of Harmony presbytery. He was dismissed & the Clerk ordered to write his dismission.

Mr Daniel Smith one of our licentiates was dismissed to place himself under the care of the presbytery of Harmony, and the Clerk was ordered to write his dismission.

Mr Malcolm McClair a licentiate under our care received a dismission to place himself under the care of the presbytery of Hopewell & the Clerk was ordered to write his dismission.

The next stated presbytery appointed to be held at Raleigh was as follows.

Raleigh May. 25th 1811.

The intermediate presbytery met according to appointment. Members present the Rev Messrs James H. Bowman, Wm L. Turner, Wm McChesney and Leonard Rather.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Leonard Rather was chosen moderator & the Rev Wm McChesney clerk.

Mr Joseph Caldwell delivered a sermon on the subject assigned him by presbytery, which was sustained.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

May. 26th

The presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

The presbytery examined Joseph Caldwell on Theology, Chronology, and Church History, which were sustained as parts of trial previous to ordination.

The Rev Wm L. Turner preached the ordination sermon from Mark 16. 15. and Mr Joseph Caldwell having satisfactorily answered the questions our form of government requires in such cases, he was ordained to the holy office of the ministry by the laying on of the hands of the presbytery & prayer. And the charge was given by the Rev Wm McChesney suitable to the occasion.

Concluded with prayer. Wm McChesney clerk.

The Revs Messrs James H. Bowman, Wm L. Turner, Wm McChesney, Joseph Caldwell, & Leonard Rather were appointed a committee to draft a pastoral letter to the Churches under the care of this presbytery on the following subjects, Viz. On the impropriety of attendance at Balls or dancing assemblies of any kind. On the more strict observance of the sabbath. On the religious education of children & instruction of families. On the improper use of ardent spirits & concerning the most mode of discountenancing the same at Elections, and said committee was appointed to have 300 copies of the pastoral letter printed & distributed equally among the members of presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

September 28.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer

Mr Robert Tate expressed his desire to be taken under the care of this Presbytery, as a candidate for the gospel ministry, and was examined on the motives which influence him to desire the Sacred office, and his experimental acquaintance with religion, which examinations were sustained; and he read a sermon which was sustained as a part of trial.

Mr Robert Tate was ordered to prepare a sermon on Amos 4:12. and to be examined on Virgil, the Greek Testament, and the introduction to Geography, at our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

The Presbytery to comply with a recommendation of the General Assembly, ordered each of their members, either by stated, or occasionally to act as missionaries in the country contiguous to their residence for one or two weeks before our next stated sessions of Presbytery, & the Rev. James L. Bowman was ordered to visit or to Philadelphia, for a supply of religious books & tracts, for distribution amongst the people to whom our members are sent as missionaries; and he is also ordered to point out the most eligible plan or report for such books & tracts.

It was ordered that this Presbytery enter into a free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds, at each of their stated sessions, that they may be able to comply with the standing Rule of the General Assembly requiring annually from each Presbytery a written statement on the state of religion within their bounds.

The Presbytery met at the Grove church on the first Tuesday of April next.

Concluded with prayer.

Alexander McMillan moderator

Wm Brackenridge clerk.

The Grove Church April the 2nd 1812.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment, and was opened by the Rev. Murdock McMillan our last moderator with a sermon from John 3. 3.

Members present the Rev. Messrs Samuel Stanford, Ezekiel B. Currie, Robert Tate, Murdock Macmillan, Wm Brackenridge, John McIntyre, Joseph Caldwell, and Wm Paisley. With the Elders Messrs Edward Pearsall, John Dickson, John Roxy, Alexander Russell, Duncan Bain and Duncan McCall.

Absent members the Rev. Dr David Caldwell, the Rev. James L. Bowman, Leonard Brather, Wm L. Turner, Wm W. Sheeters, Hugh Shaw, Malcolm McCain, & James Smiles.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev. Joseph Caldwell was chosen moderator & Wm Paisley clk.

The minutes of our last stated sessions of Presbytery were read.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday April 3rd

The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

A call was presented to Mr Wm Peacock from the congregation of Sharon which he accepted, and the Rev. Messrs Murdock McMillan, Malcolm McCain, Wm L. Turner & John McIntyre were appointed an intermediate Presbytery to ordain Wm Peacock to meet at Sharon Church on the tenth day of July next. The Rev. Malcolm McCain was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, & the Rev. Murdock McMillan to preside & give the charge.

Mr Wm Peacock was ordered to prepare for the next Presbytery and a sermon on John 3. 3. and a general examination on Divinity, Chronology, & Church History previous to ordination.

calls were presented to Mr Allen McDougald from the congregations of the Bluff, Barbecue, and Averasborough which he accepted, and the Rev. Messrs Sam[l] Stanford Wm M[c] Chesters, Wm L Turner, Malcolm McNair, Murdoch McMillan & John McNeely were appointed an intermediate presbytery to ordain Allen McDougald, to meet at Averasborough on the last Sabbath in May next. The Rev Wm M[c] Chesters was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, and the Rev Wm L Turner to preside and give the charge.

Mr Allen McDougald was ordered to prepare a lecture on Isaiah 35. and a sermon on John 14, 17. and a general examination on Divinity, Chronology and Church History previous to ordination. — —

The committee appointed to draft a pastoral letter to the churches under the care of this presbytery, having failed to perform the duty assigned them, the same committee was again appointed to draft said Letter, & have 500 copies printed as soon as convenient, to be distributed amongst the members of the presbytery.

Information on inquiry that the members of presbytery, who were absent had generally complyed with the recommendation of the general assembly to act as missionaries &c. the presbytery again ordered each of their members either by pairs, or under [illegible] to act as missionaries in the country contiguous to their residence in one or two weeks, before our next spring Sessions.

[illegible] had a sermon & was examined on the subjects [illegible] at our last stated sessions of presbytery which were [illegible] and he was ordered to prepare [illegible] and be examined on Moral philosophy [illegible] on Luke 13. 5. and be examined on [illegible] at our next stated Sessions.

[illegible] on the first ten chapters of the confession of Faith, at [illegible] previous to ordination.

[illegible] & John McPhaul was employed [illegible] presbytery as candidates for the holy ministry who were examined on the motives which influenced

them to desire the sacred office, & their experimental acquaintance with religion, which were sustained.

The presbytery believing that it would tend to promote the interest of the church to ordain Sine titulo, Mr Benjamin T. Rice a licentiate under our care, who has acted as a missionary for some time past, under the direction of the general assembly, and also believing that it would conduce to the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom to ordain Mr James D. Thompson without a special call, the presbytery therefore appointed tomorrow for their ordination, and Messrs B. T. Rice & J. D. Thompson were ordered each to preach a sermon, & to be examined on Theology, Chronology, & Church Hystory previous to ordination. And the Rev Samuel Stanford was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, and the Rev Joseph Caldwell to preside & give the charge.

Mr Anthony Forster was ordered to prepare a sermon on Hebrews. 2. 3. and to be examined on the Latin and Greek Languages at our next stated Sessions.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, April 4th

The presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with Prayer.

Mr John McFarland was examined on Virgil and the Greek Testament, which examination was sustained as a part of trial, and he was ordered to prepare a sermon on Rom. 8. 1. And to be examined on Horace, Lucian, Geography and English grammer at our next stated Sessions.

Messrs Benjamin T. Rice & James D. Thompson each preached a sermon, & were examined on Divinity, Chronology, and Church Hystory which were sustained as parts of trial previous to ordination.

The Rev Samuel Stanford preached the ordination sermon from 2 Tim. 4. 5, and Messrs B. H. Rice & Jno Thompson having satisfactorily answered the questions our form of government requires in such cases; they were ordained to the holy office of the ministry, by the laying on of the hands of the presbytery & prayer, and a charge was given by the Rev Joseph Caldwell suitable to the occasion.

Common fame proclaims that the Rev Leonard Rather has been guilty of the crime of drunkeness, and the presbytery for the honor of religion, found it necessary to search into the matter. and therefore ordered Messrs Wm Paisley and Alexander Ruppell to cite Leonard Rather to appear at our next meeting; and they were also ordered to cite, as witnesses, such persons as they suppose may be able to cast any light on that matter, to appear at our next stated sessions of Presbytery.

The Rev Messrs Joseph Caldwell and Benjamin H. Rice were appointed commissioners on behalf of this presbytery to the next general assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Adjourned to meet at the Hansfield Church on the last Thursday in September next.

Concluded with prayer.

Joseph Caldwell Mod.

Wm Paisley clerk.

Hansfield Church September 24th 1812.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment. our last moderator being absent the presbytery was opened with a sermon preached by the Rev Benjamin H. Rice from 1 Tim. 4. 16.

Members present the Rev Messrs James H. Bowman, Robert Tate, Ezekiel B. Currie, Wm L. Turner, Wm McPheeters, Wm Paisley, Malcolm McNair, John McIntyre, Benjamin H. Rice, James W. Thompson & Allen McDougald.

With the elders Messrs Joseph Baker, Norman McLeod, John Freeland, Elijah Graves & Wm Boney.

Absent Members the Rev Dr David Caldwell the Rev Messrs Saml Stanford, Leo. Rather, Murdoch McMillan, Wm B. Mahoney, Joseph Caldwell, Hugh Shaw & James Smiley.

Constituted with prayer.

The Rev Wm McPheeters was chosen Moderator and the Rev Benjamin H. Rice clerk.

The minutes of our last stated sessions of Presbytery were read.

A letter was received from the Rev Hugh Shaw of Tennessee, requesting a dismission from this Presbytery, with a recommendation to the Transylvania Presbytery in Kentucky. the request was granted, & the clerk was ordered to forward the dismission according to direction.

The committee appointed to draught a pastoral letter to the Churches under our care, reported that they had fulfilled their appointment, & the letter was produced for distribution.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Sept. 25th The Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

On motion made & seconded it was determined that a petition be sent forward by this Presbytery to the Synod of the Carolinas praying that according to the powers vested in them by the constitution of the church, a division of the presbytery of Orange may be granted by their reverend body the dividing line to be as follows. Viz. From the junction of Muse & Trent

rivers to Smithfield thence a direct line to the junction of Flat, & Deep rivers & thence up Deep river opposite to the source of Wharee, & thence to the source of Wharee river, & thence down said river to the mouth. And that the lower Presbytery be called Fayetteville Presbytery, and the Revd Messrs Wm McPheeters, Benjamin Rice and J.D. Thompson were appointed a Committee to draught & send forward Petitions.

The minutes of the intermediate Presbytery appointed to ordain Mr Allen McDougald were read and are as follows.

Averysboro' May 29th 1812.

The intermediate Presbytery met according to appointment. Members present the Revd Messrs Wm McPheeters, Wm Turner, Sam.l Stanford, Murdock McMillan & John McIntyre, with the Elders Messrs Wm Darden & S Dawis.

Constituted with prayer.

The Revd Wm. Turner was chosen Moderator & John McIntyre Clerk.

Mr Allen McDougald delivered a Lecture & Sermon, on the subjects assigned him at our last stated sessions of Presbytery, & was examined on Chronology, Church History & Church Government which were sustained as parts of trial previous to ordination.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 oclock.

Concluded with prayer

Saturday May 30th The Presbytery met according to adjournment Constituted with prayer.

The Revd Wm McPheeters preached the ordination Sermon from 2 Tim. 1 & 5. And Mr Allen McDougald having satisfactorily answered the questions our form of Government requires in such cases he was ordained to the holy office of the ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery & prayer. And a charge was given by the Revd Wm. Turner, Read & suitable to the occasion

Concluded with prayer

John MacIntyre clk.

The minutes of the intermediate Presbytery appointed to ordain Mr William Peacock were read & are as follows—

Sharon Church. July the 10th 1812.

The intermediate presbytery met according to appointment. Members present the Revd Messrs Murdock Macmillan, Malcolm Macnair, and John McIntyre.

Constituted with prayer.

The Revd [redacted] Macnair was chosen moderator and the Revd John McIntyre clerk.

Mr William Peacock delivered a Lecture and a sermon on the subjects assigned him by the Presbytery and was examined on Chronology, Divinity, Church History & Church Government all of which were sustained as parts of trial previous to ordination.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 Oclock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday July 11th The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer.

The Revd Malcolm Macnair preached the ordination sermon from 2 Chron. 18. 18. And Mr William Peacock having satisfactorily answered the questions our form of government requires in such cases, he was ordained to the holy office of the ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery & prayer, and a charge was given by the Revd Murdock Macmillan suited to the occasion. Concluded with prayer.

John MacIntyre clerk.

Mr Robert Tate read a sermon from Luke 13. 5, and was examined on English grammer, Moral Philosophy & on the first ten chapters of the confession of Faith, which were sustained as parts of trial, & he was ordered to prepare a Lecture on the 23 Psalm, & a sermon on Rom. 5. 1. & a general examination on divinity at our next stated sessions of Presbytery, previous to Licensure.

The case of the Rev Leonard Rather being called up, it appeared that the said Leonard Rather with a number of witnesses had been cited to appear at this meeting of the Presbytery according to an order of the Spring Sessions, & it appeared also by a letter from Mr Rather that he was unable to attend at this time. It was ordered that an intermediate Presbytery meet at Salem Church on Tuesday the 13th of October next, & that they be at liberty to adjourn from day to day & from place to place, to attend to the examination & determination of his case, & that Messrs Wm Paisley and Alexander Russell again cite the said Leonard Rather & such witnesses as they may suppose necessary. —

A call was presented from Cedar creek congregation to Samuel Paisley a licentiate of this Presbytery, which was accepted, & the Rev Dr David Caldwell & the Revs Messrs James H Bowman, Wm Paisley, Joseph Caldwell, & Murdoch Macmellan were appointed an intermediate Presbytery to meet at Cedar creek, on the 3rd Friday in November next, to ordain the said Samuel Paisley. The Rev Joseph Caldwell to preach the ordination sermon, & the Rev James H Bowman to preside & give the charge. Samuel Paisley was ordered to prepare a lecture on the 51st Psalm, & a sermon on Heb 4. 15, 16. & to prepare for examination on Theology, Chronology, Church History & church government as parts of trial previous to ordination.

Mr John McFarland read a sermon on Rom 8. 1. and was examined on English grammer.

Mr Anthony Forster read a sermon from Deb 2, 3. and was examined on English grammer.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Sept 2 & 6th The presbytery met according to adjournment.

Constituted with prayer.

Mr John. McFarland was examined on Horace which examination together with his examination on English Grammar, and his sermon were sustained, he was also examined on Geography, & directed to prepare for further examination on that branch of study. His reasons for not being prepared to be examined on Lucian were sustained. He was directed to prepare on Lucian, moral philosophy, & a sermon on 1 Jno. 3. 3. & on the chapters in the confession of Faith.

Mr Anthony Forster's examination on English grammer & his sermon were sustained as parts of trial, his reasons for not being prepared on Latin & greek were deemed sufficient, & he was directed to prepare for examination on those languages & on Geography, & Moral Philosophy, & a sermon on Jno. 6. 37, as parts of trial against our next stated Sessions of Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to draft a petition to Synod for the division of Presbytery, made their report which was accepted, & ordered to be sent forward to the moderator of the Synod.

On motion Resolved that the Revs Messrs McPheeters Thompson, & Rice be a committee to contract with one of the Raleigh Printers for the publication of Rush's Pamphlet on the use of ardent Spirits, & that the members of Presbytery adopt measures for the defraying the expenses of said publication.

In obedience to the recommendation of the General Assembly. Resolved that the members of Presbytery individually exert themselves to obtain donations for the Theological Seminary established by the General Assembly at Princeton, & make report at the Spring Sessions of Presbytery.

Ordered that the members of the Presbytery produce at every Spring Session of the Presbytery a sessional report according to the blank form prescribed by the Assembly.

On motion, Resolved that John McLean a licentiate be appointed to spend one month in the county of Caswell previous to the next stated Sessions of the Presbytery.

On motion, Resolved that, Andrew Caldwell a licentiate under our care, preach one sabbath at Salem Church, one at Mount Hermon, one at the Red House, one at Grier's, & one at Rattlesnake, previous to the next Session of Presbytery.

In compliance with the request of the Rev Benjamin B. Rice, he was dismissed from this presbytery, with a recommendation to join the presbytery of Hanover

Adjourned to meet in Raleigh on the first Thursday in April next.

Concluded with Prayer. William McPheeters Mod.
B. H. Rice Clk.

Thus far examined & approved

Almance — October 8th 1813
Robert H Chapman Mod.

Fayetteville presbytery formed from a part of Orange, Act 2. 1812.

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Murfreesboro' April 19th. 1827.
Thursday, 11 O'Clock A. M.

The Presbytery of Orange met, according to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon by the Rev. J. W. Douglass, the last moderator, from Acts 14: 1.

"And it came to pass, in Iconium, that "they went both together into the Synagogue "of the Jews, and so spake that a great "multitude, both of the Jews, & also of the "Greeks, believed."

The Presbytery was then constituted with prayer, the following members being present, viz:

Ministers.		Elders.
1	Revd. William Paisley. (Took his seat in the afternoon.)	
2	" Ezekiel B. Currie.	1 James Mebane.
3	" Willm. McSheeters. D.D. . . .	—
4	" Samel. Paisley	—
5	" John H. Pickard. . .	2 Joshua Butler
6	" Joseph Labarce. . . .	3 Stephen K. Sneed.#

#Took his seat on Friday at noon.

7 Rev. Samuel D. Hatch . . . — —
8 " Elisha Mitchell . . . " — —
9 " Sam[l] L. Graham . . . 4 Horace Burton #
10 " Arch[d] D. Montgomery . . " — —
11 " James W. Douglass . . . " —
12 " James Weatherby . . . " —
5. Dr. Shaunah Bardwell #

Absent —

1 " Joseph Caldwell D.D.
2 " John Witherspoon.
3 " Elijah Graves.
4 " Eli. W. Caruthers.
5 " Stephen Frontis.
6 " Jesse Rankin.
7 " John Knox.

[illegible]. took his seat in the afternoon.

The Rev[d] William M[c] Pheeters D.D. was chosen moderator, and the Rev[d] Mess[rs] Graham & Weatherby, Clerks.

The record of the Orange Presbytery, containing the minutes of the last stated sessions, being

called for, the Presbytery was informed, by a letter from the Rev J. Witherspoon, stated clerk, that on the night of the 1[st] January last, his house, furniture, & library, together with the record, & other papers, of Orange Presbytery, were consumed by fire. Whereupon resolved that the Rev[d] Mess[rs] Witherspoon, M[c] Pheeters, Caldwell, Currie, & W. Paisley be a committee to collect information, from the members of Presbytery, the records of Synod, & other sources, in relation to the minutes which have been destroyed, and that they digest, & arrange the same, so as to form as correct a history, as possible, of the proceedings of the Presbytery, and that they report to Presbytery, at their next stated sessions.

The Rev[d] Edward Hollister, a member of the Coos Association, Vermt., presented, thro' the Rev[d] M[r] Labaree, a recommendation & dismission from the said association, and requested to be received as a member of

this Presbytery. He was accordingly received.

A letter was received from the Rev. J Witherspoon, assigning his reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

Mr. William Neil, a licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, presented a recommendation & dismission from that Presbytery, and desired to be received under the care of the Presbytery of Orange. He was accordingly received.

Mess. Currie & Douglass ministers, & Mebane Elder, were appointed a <u>committee of supplies</u>.

The following committees were appointed to examine the records of the different church sessions, respectively, as follows, viz:

Mess: S. Paisley & Pitkin the records of Hawfields & 4 Roads.
" Hatch & Labaree those of Milton.
" Douglass & Montgomery those of Washington.
" Currie & Mebane those of Munfreesboro.

See papers No 4.

A letter was received from Mr. Darius C. Allen, accompanied by a certificate of licensure, from the Hancock & Penobscot Association, Maine, desiring to be taken under the care of this Presbytery. Mr. Allen was accordingly received.

Mess. Mitchell, Witherspoon & Mebane were appointed a committee to publish such extracts from the proceedings of Presbytery, as they may deem worthy of public notice.

Resolved that the free conversations, on the state of religion, be the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon, & that Mess Douglass & Heatherby be a committee to take notes, & present a condensed abstract of the intelligence communicated.

A letter was received from the Rev. Stephen Frontis, (See papers No 2.) dated Somerset Pa. March 1827, containing a his-

tory of his labors, since he left the bounds of this Presbytery. After the reading of the letter the following resolution was adopted. viz. Resolved that the Presbytery do highly approve of the manner in which Mr Frontis has discharged the duties of a Christian minister, and that his reasons for being absent from this present, & preceding sessions of Presbytery, are satisfactory.

The Church & Congregation of Murpeesboro, being at a great distance from any ordained Presbyterian minister, & being unable, at present, to support a regular Pastor, requested, thro' their Ruling Elder, Dr Bardwell, that Mr Willm Neil, now a licentiate Missionary among them, be ordained, sine titulo, at the present sessions of Presbytery. Wherefore resolved that the Presbytery take order with that view. Mr Neil was accordingly examined, as

to his acquaintance with experimental religion, Philosophy, the Greek and Hebrew Languages, Theology, ecclesiastical history & Church Government. Mr Neil also delivered a popular discourse on Ps: 97: 1. all which examinations were sustained: And it was resolved, that Mr Neil be ordained to morrows evening, and that the Revd Dr McPheeters preach the sermon, & the Revd S. L. Graham preside & give the Charge.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at Sun-rise.

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Friday Morning. 6 O'Clock A.M.#

The Committee to whom, at the last stated sessions of Presbytery, was referred the several subjects sent down to the Presbyteries, by the last General Assembly, for their consultation & decision, Reported;

Pres: met & was constituted with prayer. Present as above.

and their report being read & amended, was adopted & is as follows, viz:

That the last clause of the 24th Ch. & 4th section of the Confession of Faith, which declares that "the man may not marry "any of his wifes kindred, nearer "in blood than he may of his own; nor "the woman of her husbands kin= "dred nearer in blood than of her own", ought not to be erased.

That all the other alterations, and additions proposed to be made in the form of government, and book of discipline, ought to be adopted, except the alteration of the words "two years", for three years, in Ch. XIV. Sec 6. which last alteration the Pres= bytery rejected, by the following vote. viz. Against the alteration were Messrs Currie, W. Paisley, A. Paisley, Pickard, Mitchell & Montgomery Ministers; and

Messrs Mebane, Butler & Burton Elders. For the alteration were Messrs McPheeters, Labaree, Hatch, Graham, Douglass & Weath= erby ministers, & Dr Bardwell & Mr. Sneed Elders: Nine to eight.—

The Revs Jos Labaree & Jas Weatherby were elected commissioners to the next General Assembly. 1-77.

Mr Douglass called the attention of the Presbytery to the importance of cir= culating religious books & newspapers more extensively this' their bounds. Where= upon resolved that Messrs Douglass, Mitchell & Mebane be a commit= tee to consider the subject, & report during the present sessions.

Mr Saml Henry Smith was Exam= ined on Theology, & Ecclesiastical His= tory; and then read a popular dis= course from Is 55: 17. all which were sustained, as parts of trial, preparatory

to licensure.

The collections for the Missionary & Commissioners fund were called for, when the following sums were reported.

Congregations	Dolls.	Cts
Bethel & Greensboro	3.	.
Hawfields & Cross Roads	7.	00
Raleigh	11.	00
Chapel Hill	14.	25
Little River & Eno	9.	00
Hillsboro	20.	"
Bethesda 4.25. Haw River 2.25. Stony Creek 5	11.	75
Oxford 5. Providence 0	5.	"
Green Spring & New Hope	6.	50
Newbern	20.	"
Grapey Creek & Nutbush	12.	"
Buffaloe & Allemance	6.	"
Red House & Bethany	8.	50
Milton	5.	"
Washington	13.	"
Murfreesboro	8.	50
	7.	00
S. Grove $7.00 Carried up	$160.	45

The committee of supplies reported, and their report was adopted as follows, viz: That the following places be supplied, as follows. 1 Johnston Cy. Dr McPheeters & Mr Graham 1 Sab.

2. Head of Sandy Creek, Randolph Cy. Messrs Currie, & W. Paisley one week. —

3. Mount Sermon one Sabbath, Mr Currie.

4 Spring Grove. Mssrs Graham & Douglass, one sabbath, & to administer the Sacrt.

5. Warrenton, Messrs Labaree & Knox 1 Sabb. —

6. Cross Road Halifax Cy. Vic. Mr. Montgomery 1 Do

7. Poor House Caswell Cy. Mr Pickard to preach twice. Messrs Montgomery & Douglass once each.

8. Greears Mr. S. Paisley 2 Sab. —

9. Harmony Mr. Smith 2 Sab. —

10 Bethlehem. Dr Caldwell & Mr Mitchell, each one sabbath. —

11. Haywood, Chatham. Mr Mitchell one week. —

12. Rockingham, Stokes & Surry. Pickard & S. Paisley 2 weeks.

13. Tarboro. Hatch & Weatherby 1 Sabb. & to admin. y Lord's Supper

14 Plymouth. Mr Weatherby one Sabb. —

15. Charlestown, Stokes. M W. Paisley one sabbath
16. M Witherspoon one Sabb. at discretion.
17. M. Graves & Caruthers one week each at discretion.

Next stated meeting.

The next stated sessions of this Presbytery were appointed to be held in Milton, on the last Wednesday, the 26th Sept: next at 7 O.Clock P.M.

Mr. Darius C. Allen

who was yesterday received, as a licentiate, under the care of this Presbytery, requested ordination, sine titulo, with a view to the establishment of a Presbyterian church in Leesburgh: It was accordingly resolved that Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting, with a view to such ordination, at Hillsboro', on the 11th of May next, at 10 O.Clock: that Mr Allen be directed to be ready for examination on all the studies, required in the book of discipline, preparatory to ordination, & also to prepare a discourse on Rom 10:1. "Brethren, my heart's desire & prayer to God for Israel is that they

might be saved:" that, should the examinations be sustained, Mr. Mitchell preach the ordination sermon, & M. Witherspoon preside & give the charge.

Leave of absence

was obtained by Mr Pickard & Mr Beattie, his Elder, for the remainder of the sessions.—

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 O Clock.

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Saturday Apl. 21. 8. O.Clock

Presbytery met, according to adjournment, was constituted with prayer. Present as above.

Book Committee.

The committee appointed to devise some efficient method of circulating books thro' the bounds of Orange Presbytery, report; "that it is expedient to appoint a "committee, to be styled "the Book Committee" "whose duty it shall be to adopt all proper "measures for procuring & distributing

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"as extensively as possible, such publications as
"may have a tendency to disseminate useful
"knowledge, & more especially as are calculated
"to promote the growth of vital piety, & advance
"the interests of evangelical religion within our
"bounds, & that said Committee make report of
"their proceedings to Presbytery, at least once
"a year; which report was adopted, and
the Revd. Messs. Douglass, Montgomery, and
Mitchel & Dr. Thomas P. Atkinson were appointed that
committee. 53.

State of Religion.

The Committee appointed to take notes
on the free conversation, on the state of
religion, within our bounds, reported, which
report was read & accepted. See paper No 9.

Theological Professorship.

The following resolution was offered and
adopted, viz. That each member of Presbytery
endeavour to collect for the Theological Pro-
fessorship, the sum of $50, by the next Fall sessions.

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The Committees on Session Books reported,
from which it appeared that there were
none present but those of Millon, Wash-
ington, & Murfreesboro'; these records were
approved.

Mr. Samuel Henry Smith. p 15

At Murfreesboro: April 21. 1827, the Presbytery,
having received satisfactory testimonials in fav-
or of Samuel Henry Smith, as to his experi-
mental acquaintance with religion, & good
moral character, & of his being in the com-
munion of the church; he having given satis fac-
tion, also, as to his accomplishments in
literature, & as to his proficiency in divin-
ity & other studies; the Presbytery did, &
hereby do, express their approbation of all
these parts of trial: and he having a-
dopted the confession of faith of this
church, & satisfactorily answered the ques-
tions appointed to be put to candidates;
the presbytery did, & hereby do license him,

the said Saml. Henry Smith, to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called. v. 93.

Colonization Society.

The following resolution was offered and adopted, viz: That it be recommended to the ministers of the Presbytery to continue their exertions in favor of the society, established in the city of Washington, for the colonization of free people of colour, at Liberia, in Africa, and that they continue the practice of taking up collections, on or about the 4th July, in aid of the funds of that important institution. p 37.

Education Society.

The following report was sent to the General Assembly. "The Presbytery of Orange presents, to the General Assembly, the following report on the subject of Educating poor pious youth for the gospel min-

istry. viz. That there exists, in the bounds of this presbytery one education society; that the presbytery has under its direction & patronage two young men of piety, and good talents, who are pursuing a course of Education preparatory to the ministry; and that the sum of $149.95 during the past year, has been raised for the education fund.

Mr. Wm. Neil's Ordination.

At Munpeesboro April 21. 1827. 7 O'Clock P.M. Mr. Wm. Neil having been examined on all the subjects required by the Book of discipline, to the satisfaction of this body, it, the presbytery, did accordingly proceed to his ordination. The Revd William McPheeters D. D. preached the ordination sermon from 1 Tim: 4:14. "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery." The presbytery did then

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solemnly ordain him, the said William Neil, as an evangelist, to the holy office of the gospel ministry, "by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the presbytery," according to the apostolic example; the Revd Saml L. Graham presiding, & afterwards giving the charge to the newly ordained minister.

The services being ended Mr Neil was invited to take his seat, as a member of presbytery.

The presbytery was then adjourned to meet at Hillsboro' on the 11th of May next, at 10 o'clock A.M. and after a hymn being sung, and prayer & the apostolic benediction, by the moderator, the members separated.

Stated Clerk.

Hillsboro' May 11th 1827.
Friday 10 O.Clock A.M.

The Presbytery of Orange met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Revd Ezekiel P. Currie, the Senior minister present.

The members present were as follows.

	Ministers.	Elders
1	Revd E. P. Currie.	James Mebane
2	" Saml Paisley	James Clarke.
3	" John Witherspoon	Wm Huntington
4	" Elijah Graves	—
5	" John H. Pickard	—
37.	" Jas. W. Douglass	—
36.	" Elisha Mitchel †	—

Absent

The Revd Messrs W. Paisley, McPheeters, Caldwell, Labaree, Hatch, Graham, Carruthers, Montgomery, Frontis, Rankin, Weatherby, Knox, Neil. in all 20.—

The Revd E. P. Currie was chosen

† took his seat on Saturday.

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moderator, & the Rev. Jno. Witherspoon Clerk.

The minutes of the last sessions of presbytery, so far as they related to the present meeting, were read.

The Rev. Robert H. Chapman D.D., of the presbytery of Winchester, being present, was invited to sit, as a corresponding member of this Presbytery.

Mr. William S. Plumer

a licentiate, under the care of the presbytery of New-Brunswick, presented a recommendation, & certificate of dismission from that presbytery, and requested to be taken under the care of the Presbytery of Orange. He was accordingly received.

Mr. Plumer, & Mr. Thomas Lynch, also a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, made application to be ordained sine titulo: and the circumstances of each case appearing to the

presbytery to render such ordination highly expedient, it was resolved that the presbytery should proceed to examine the applicants, with the view of granting their request. Mr. Lynch was directed to deliver a discourse on Luke 12:32; and Mr Plumer on Acts 17.31.

Mr. Darius C. Allen

for whose ordination, especially, the Presbytery had convened, and Mr. Plumer were then examined as to their acquaintance with experimental religion, with the Greek & Hebrew languages, with Philosophy, theology, ecclesiastical history & church government, all which examinations were sustained.

Mr. Plumer delivered a discourse, on the subject assigned, which was approved.

Mr. Allen having mislaid his manuscript notes on the subject assigned him

at the last meeting, requested that the subject might be changed. He was accordingly directed to prepare a discourse on Acts 2:37. "Now when they heard this they were pricked in their heart, & said unto Peter, & to the rest of the Apostles, "Men & Brethren! what shall we do?" 29.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 Oclock A.M.

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Saturday Morning. May 12.
9 Oclock. A.M.

Presbytery met, according to adjournment, & was constituted with prayer. Present as above.

Saturday Eve: Concert of Prayer.

The following preamble & resolutions were proposed and adopted. —

The state of religion, in most of our congregations, loudly demanding, in the judgment of the presbytery, more earnest

and united prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit of God; therefore resolved that the presbytery earnestly recommend the observance of a concert of secret & family prayer, by all their ministers, elders, & members, on saturday evenings, at 8 Oclock, for the blessing of God upon the means of grace throughout our bounds: and that this concert continue until the fall sessions of the Presbytery.

Conference meetings. 79.

Resolved also that, in the opinion of this presbytery, conference meetings have been greatly useful in this age of revivals, and that it be recommended to the ministers & Elders to consider the expediency of establishing such meetings in their congregations.

28. Mr. Allen & Mr. Lynch delivered discourses on the subjects assigned them, which were approved. 30

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Ordination. 152.

Mr. Darius C. Allen & Mr. Thomas Lynch, having given satisfaction on all the subjects of examination required by the book of discipline, the presbytery proceeded to their ordination. The Revd. Elisha Mitchell preached the ordination sermon from Phil 3. 12. "Not as tho' I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." The presbytery did then solemnly ordain the said Darius C. Allen & Thomas Lynch, as evangelists, to the holy office of the gospel ministry, "by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the presbytery," according to the apostolic example; the Revd. John Witherspoon presiding, and afterwards delivering the charge to the newly ordained ministers.

Hillsboro' May 12. 1827.

Minutes published.

On motion, it was resolved, that the Stated Clerk, as soon as possible, forward a copy of the minutes of this meeting to the Editor of the Visitor & Telegraph for insertion.

It having been represented, to the presbytery, to be highly desirable & important, that the ordination of Mr. Plumer should take place, in his own newly organized congregation, the presbytery resolved to hold an adjourned meeting, in Danville, for that purpose on Saturday next, the 19th Inst., at 10 O'clock, A. M. That the Revd. J. W. Douglass preach the sermon; the Revd. Saml. Paisley preside, & the Revd. Jno. H. Rickard give the charge.

The presbytery then adjourned with prayer, & the apostolic benediction. —

Stated Clerk.

Danville May 19. 1827.
Saturday 10½ O'clock A.M.

The Presbytery of Orange met, according to adjournment, & was constituted with prayer, by The Rev. Sam[l] Paisley, the senior minister. Members present were

Rev Sam[l] Paisley.
" John H Pickard
" A. D. Montgomery
" J. W. Douglass.

The Rev[d] S. Paisley was chosen moderator, & the Rev[d] J. W. Douglass clerk.

The Presbytery then proceeded to the ordination of Mr. Plumer.

Ordination.

The Rev[d] J. W. Douglass preached the ordination sermon from Deut: 32: 2. "My doctrine shall drop as the rain; my speech shall distil as the dew; as the small rain upon the tender herb; and as the showers upon the grass."

Mr Plumer having then adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates for ordination, the Presbytery did solemnly ordain him, the said William S. Plumer, as an evangelist, to the holy office of the gospel ministry, the Rev[d] Sam[l] Paisly presiding, by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Hands of Presbytery.

After which the Rev[d] John H. Pickard delivered a charge to the newly ordained evangelist.

The Rev[d] Mr Plumer was then invited to take his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Milton on the 26[th] Sept[r] next at 7 O'clock P. M.

Stated Clerk.

Milton Sep.r 26. 1827.
Wednesday 7 O'Clock P.M.

The presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev.d William McPheeters D.D. the last moderator, from Rom 1. 16. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." Constituted with prayer, the following members being present. viz

	Ministers		Elders.	
1	Rev.d Ezekiel B. Currie	. . .	1	Elijah Pickard
2	" Wm. McPheeters D.D.	—		—
3	" Sam.l Paisley	. . . .	2	Joseph Smith
4	" Jn.o Witherspoon	. .	3	Wm Huntington
5	" Jn.o H. Pickard	. . . .	4	Joseph Finley
6	" Jos. Labaree	. . . .	5	Tho.s B Lilleyohn
7	" Elijah Graves	. . . .		—
8	" Edward Hollister	. . .		—
9	" Lemuel D. Hatch	. . .		—
10	" Sam.l L. Graham	.	6	Dr. Chas L. Read

11	Rev.d Eli W. Caruthers *	. . . 7	Levi Houston *
12	" Arch.d D. Montgomery	.. 8	Jn.o Kitchen *
13	" Jas. W. Douglass	. . 9	Henry J. Foster
14	" Jas. Weatherby	. . .	—
15	" Wm. Neil *	. . .	—
16	" Darius C. Allen	. . .	—
17	" Wm. S. Plumer	. . . 10	Jn.o W. Paxton *
		11	Dr. Tho.s P. Atkinson.

Absent.

1	Rev.d Wm Paisley.	2	Rev Jos. Caldwell D.D.
3.	Elisha Mitchell	4	" Stephen Frontis
5.	" Jape Rankin	6	" John Knox
7.	" Thomas Lynch.		

Adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ O'clock A. M.

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Thursday 8½ O'clock A.M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, was constituted with prayer. Members present as above. —

* Took their seats on Thursday.

Millon Sep. 27. 1827.

The Rev Jn°. Witherspoon was chosen moderator, & the Rev^d L.D. Hatch, & Mr Wm Huntington Clerks.

Rev. R.H. Chapman D.D.

A letter was received from the Rev^d Dr Chapman, accompanied by a certificate of dismission & recommendation from the Presbytery of Winchester, desiring to be received as a member of this presbytery. He was accordingly received.

John Chavis.

A letter was received from (the) Mr John Chavis, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev^d Mess^rs McPheeters & Witherspoon, with instructions to examine the contents, & report to presbytery during its present sessions.

Stated Clerk.

The Rev Jn°. Witherspoon, the stated

Clerk of this presbytery, tenders his resignation, which was accepted, & the thanks of the presbytery were voted, unanimously, to Mr. Witherspoon for his faithful services.

Committee of supplies.

The Rev^d Mess^rs Hatch, Allen, & Graham ministers, & Dr Thos. P. Atkinson & E. Pickard Elders were appointed a committee of supplies.

Colonization Society. p 22.

Inquiry was made respecting collections to have been taken up, on or about the 4th July last, in aid of the Colonization Society; the result of the inquiry was that some, only, of the congregations had attended to the subject. p 86.

The Church at Danville,

recently organized, and consisting of 36 members, applied, thro' the Rev^d McPlumer, to be received under the care of this

presbytery, & was accordingly received.

The Church in Lexington

recently organized, & consisting of 9 members, made a similar request, thro' the Rev Mr Allen, and was also received.

Education Fund.

The collections taken up for this fund were called for, & amounted to $244. see (page 263 of this book.) vol of Statistics.

The Poor. 96.

Inquiry was made to ascertain if there are any poor, belonging to our churches, who are supported by public charity: Two were found; the churches, to which they belong, were desired to provide for them.

The burnt Records.

The committee appointed for the restoration, if as far as possible, of the records of this presbytery, reported that in consequence of the absence, from the state, of the stated clerk

of Synod, they could not successfully prosecute their object. Whereupon resolved that the same committee be continued, & that they make report at the next stated Sessions of Presbytery. Resolved also that they procure from the stated clerk of Synod such information as he can give, and that he be paid for his services out of the contingent fund.

That the Education Board might have an opportunity of meeting, the Presbytery had then a recess until 3 O Clock. P. M.

The next Stated meeting,

it was resolved, should be held in Newbern, on the 3rd ~~Saturday~~ Wednesday, the 16th day of April next, at 7 o'clock P. M. —

The Committee of Supplies

reported, and their report was received & adopted, & is as follows. viz:

Milton Sep^r 27. 1827.

Supplies

Places.	Time	Persons.
1. Bethany	1 Sabb.	Rev. Jn^o. H. Pickard.
2 Caswell Poor House	1 Serm:	" same
Do	Do	" J. W. Douglass.
3. Clarksville	2 Sabb.	" E. Hollister
4. Edenton	1 Do	" Wm Neil
5. Gilead	1 Do	" Jn^o. H. Pickard
6 Halifax	1 Do	" Wm. Neil.
7 Halifax Cy. Vis^e	1 Do	" Wm S. Plumer
Cross Roads	1 Do	" A. D. Montgomery.
8 Harmony.	1 Do	" (Ditto) A.D.M.
Do	1 Do	" W. S. Plumer
Do	1 Do	" J. W. Douglass
Do	1 Do	" S. L. Graham
9 Johnston County	1 Do	" W. McPheeters D.D
10 Mt. Hermon	1 Do	" Wm Paisley
11 Orange Poor House	1 Serm	" Jn^o Witherspoon
Do	1 Do.	" E. B. Currie
Do	1 Do	" Sam^l Paisley
12 Plymouth	1 Sabb	" J. Weatherby

Places	Time	Persons.
13. Pittsboro	1 Sabb	Rev^d. J. Caldwell D.D.
Do	1 Do	" E. Mitchell
14 Randolph	1 Week	" E. B. Currie & Paisley
15 Rockingham, Stokes & Surry	2 Weeks	" J. H. Pickard and " Elijah Graves
16 Roxboro	2 Sabb.	Mr. S. H. Smith
17. Spring Grove	2 Do	" S. H. Smith
Do (Sac. Lord's.)	1 Do	Rev^d. Labaree & Douglass.
18. Tarboro' to admin^r. Sac.^t	1 Do	" L. D. Hatch, " Plumer & Weatherby

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Stated Clerk.

An election for stated Clerk, in the place of Rev W. Witherspoon resigned, resulted in the choice of the Rev J. W. Douglas.

Soc: Sup: Intemperance.

To-morrow morning at 10 O Clock, it was resolved, the presbytery will have a recess to give opportunity for the annual meeting of the Society for the suppression of Intemperance.

Milton Sep^r. 27. 1827.

Mr. Robert Russell.

The presbytery appointed, as the subject of a lecture, for Mr Russell, the first nine verses of the 15^th Ch. of Mather; and the 24^th Verse of the 13^th Ch. of Luke, as the subject of a popular discourse. N. 89.

Lit: & Ev: Magazine.

A printed circular was received (See Papers no 5) from the presbytery of Hanover, signed by the moderator & clerk, containing certain resolutions, in reference to the "Literary & Evangelical Magazine", and recommending the adoption of measures calculated to give, to that publication, a more extensive circulation. The circular was committed to the Rev^d Mess^r Currie, M^c Pheeters, Hatch, Graham, & Douglass, with instructions to report thereon, during the present sessions of presbytery.

Minutes Gen: Assembly.

The Rev J Weatherby & Mr Thos B Littlejohn were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly, & report any thing requiring notice, at the present sessions.

Sabbath.

In compliance with the recommendation of the General Assembly, expressed in their minutes of 1826 pp. 29. 30, inquiry was made respecting the manner in which the law of the sabbath is observed throughout our bounds. It appeared that this day is much profaned in almost every part of our territory; particularly by the running of waggons & stages on all our public roads; by the unloading & sometimes the loading of waggons; by the opening & making up of mails; by the training of race horses; by the idle lounging in streets & taverns of persons who go not to the house of God, or go but seldom; by travelling, & visiting, & culinary la-

bor beyond what is of necessity, and in various other ways, as it appeared, "Satan with his instruments do much labor to blot out the glory, & even the memory of the sabbath, so as to bring in all irreligion and impiety." It appeared however that ministers had generally warned their people on the subject. It was then resolved that the Rev Jos: Labaree be appointed to preach a sermon on the observance of the sabbath, at the next stated sessions of Presbytery.

John Chavis.

The committee to whom was referred a letter from Mr John Chavis, one of our licentiates, respecting the Colonization Society, & his pecuniary difficulties, reported, that in their opinion, this presbytery, having given a pecuniary pledge in favor of the Southern Professorship, which pledge is not yet redeemed, can-

not, as a body, undertake to afford him the wished for relief. But should Mr Chavis deem it advisable, either for himself personally, or for some friend or friends in his behalf, to carry about a subscription for his relief, Mr. Chavis is at liberty to state that in his appeal for pecuniary aid, he has acted with the approbation of this presbytery.

This report being adopted, it was resolved that a copy be forwarded to Mr Chavis by the Stated Clerk.

Adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ Oclock A. M.

Friday Sept. 28. 1827.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, was constituted with prayer. Present as above. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Treasurer's acct. 122.

On motion resolved that the accounts of

our late treasurer, the Rev E. Mitchell, be referred to the Rev Messr McPheeters, Cald: well & Witherspoon, & Mr Thos B Littlejohn as a Committee, to be examined, and that said committee report at the next stated sessions.

Contingent Fund.

Resolved that every member of Presbytery pay, into the hands of the treasurer, the sum of 25 cents, at every stated meeting, for the contingent-fund.

Minutes Published.

The stated Clerk was directed to have such extracts from the minutes of the presbytery, as he may judge expedient, published. —(Recess till 2½ Oclock P.M.)

Mr Alexander Wilson,

this day the Rev Sam'l S. Graham, requested to be taken under the care of this presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry. Mr Wilson, being a regular

member of the presbyterian church, of good moral character, & promising talents, was accordingly introduced, and examined, as to his acquaintance with experimental religion, & the motives which induce him to desire the office of the gospel ministry, which examinations was sustained, & he was received as a candidate under the care of this presbytery. As a subject for a latin exegesis the presbytery assigned to Mr Wilson the following question, viz: "An satisfactio Christi est necessaria?"

Mr N. M. Harding 103

was directed to prepare a popular lecture on the 110th Psalm; and a popular sermon on the 1st V. of the 8th Ch. of Romans.

Sat: Eve: concert of prayer. & family

It was resolved that this concert of secret prayer, recommended by the presbytery at Hillsboro' (see p 28.) be continued;

and that the ministers recommend the same to their people.

Bible Cause.

The following resolution was proposed & unanimously adopted, viz: That it be recommended to our church sessions, and to the friends of Zion in general, to take into serious and prayerful consideration the worthy example first set before the christian public by the bible societies of Monroe County N.Y., and Nassau Hall N.J.: ~~Either~~ the one surveying a county & the other a state, and resolving to supply every family with a bible.

Resolved that, in the opinion of this presbytery, those spirited and noble examples ought be followed by all our benevolent institutions; at least that they sh^d introduce the same higher degree of method & certainty into their operations,

which characterize the examples mentioned, by engaging benevolent individuals to select definite portions of the country around them, and to engage that every family in those selected portions should in a given time possess a copy of the sacred scriptures.

Southern Professorship. p 20.

On inquiry it appeared that the members of presbytery had not, since the last stated sessions, succeeded in making collections, to any considerable amount for discharging the arrears due from this presbytery to the southern professorship; therefore Resolved that the Rev^d Messrs McKeeters, Caldwell, Witherspoon, & Hatch, be a committee to act in the business, during the recess of presbytery. That, should they deem it expedient, they have power to employ an agent or agents, to visit the churches, make

collections, & receive contributions; and that they adopt all measures necessary to a speedy accomplishment of the object in view.

Leave of Absence

The Revs. C. W. Caruthers & D. C. Allen, and Mr S. Houston & the Rev Jno. H. Pickard obtained leave of absence during the remainder of the session.

Ev: & Lit. Magazine. p 41

The committee to whom was referred the printed circular from the presbytery of Hanover, reported, which report, being read, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Your committee having taken into consideration the circular letter addressed to this presbytery by the presbytery of Hanover, report, that the Literary & Evangelical Magazine, has, in their opinion, been thus far conduc-

ted with much ability, and that they would not now hesitate to recommend it to the general patronage of the christian public, had it not been for an occurrence which took place some short time after the publication of said circular, and which the presbytery of Hanover, no doubt deeply deplores, as well as ourselves. We refer to the imprisonment of the Rev Colin McIver, in the city of Richmond, by Mr Pollard, the senior Editor of the magazine.

Your committee, in the discharge of their duty, have had laid before them, certain authentic communications from the friends of both Mr Pollard & the Rev Mr McIver, and your committee are of opinion that the conduct of Mr Pollard towards the Rev. Mr McIver has been unchristian, & highly censurable.

Vide Papers No 8.

It is due however to Mr Pollard to state that, from the papers laid before us, it appears that he has been before the sepion of the church of which he is a member, and that he has made such confesions & acknowledgments as to induce the sepion to continue him in the enjoyment of the privileges of the church. But, whilst we readily concur in this decision of the sepion, yet so flagrant has been the violation of Christian charity & so deep the wound which has been inflicted on the feelings of the Christian community that, your committee are of opinion, Mr. Pollard ought not to expect to be patronized any longer by us, as the Editor of a religious journals.

The adoption, therefore, of the following resolution is recommended. viz.

Resolved that this presbytery cannot, consistently with their views of propriety, encourage or patronize the publications, alluded to in the printed circular forwarded to them, by the presbytery of Hanover, so long as Mr. N. Pollard continues to have any control over, or interest in, said publications. + v. 90.

Book Committee. 59.

The book committee reported that a society had been formed, this their agency, called "the North Carolina Book company of the presbytery of Orange", and upon such principles as will, it is believed, ~~secure~~ secure the approbation of presbytery to their proceedings. This company has been in partial operation since the 1st Augt. last, since which time its sales of books have amounted to about $220.—

Milton Sept. 28. 1827.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz. That this presbytery present, to the inhabitants of Milton, their most sincere acknowledgements, for the kindness and hospilality with which the presbytery have been entertained during the present meeting.

The presbytery was then adjourned to meet next week, in Salisbury, during the sessions of the Synod of Maryland, at the call of the Moderator. After the singing of the Christian doxology, and prayer, and the apostolic benediction by the Rev Dr. McPheeters, the members separated.

Jas W. Douglas Stated Clerk

Note. A copy of the minute respecting the Ev & Lit Mag: on pp 41. 50, 51, 52, 53, was forwarded to the mod: of Hanover Pres. by Mr Converse. Oct 11. 1827 — A copy of that on pp 43, 44 respecting J. Chavis was forwarded to Dr McPheeters by mail Oct 24. 1827.

Salisbury Oct 5. 1827.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment, and was constituted by prayer. The members present were as follows,

	Ministers	Elders.
1	Rev W. Paisley.	m
2	" E. B. Currie.	m
3	" W. McPheeters DD.	m
4	" J. Caldwell D D.	m
5	" S. Paisley.	m
6	" R. H. Chapman D.D.	m
7	" Jn° Witherspoon	1 Will Huntington
8	" Jn° H. Pickens	2 Jn° Jones
9	" A. D. Hatch	m
10	" S. L. Graham.	m
11	" C. W. Carruthers	3 Rob. Donnel.
12	" A. D. Montgomery	m
13	" J. W. Douglas.	m
14	" Jesse Rankin.	m
15	" Jas Weatherby	m
16	" Wm Neil.	17. Rev. D. C. Allen, m
18	" Thos Lynch.	19. W. S. Plumer. 4 Jn° McAlister.

Salisbury Oct 5. 1827.

absent.

Rev. Jos Labaree. C. Graves, E. Hollister,
" E. Mitchell, S. Frontis & Jn° Knox = 6. -

Dismissions

The Rev Rob. H. Chapman D.D. and the Rev. Jesse Rankin requested dismission from this presbytery, to join the presbytery of Concord; they were accordingly dismissed & recommended as members in good standing. The Rev Thomas Lynch requested dismission likewise, to join the presbytery of Fayetteville, and he was dismissed accordingly & recommended as a member in good standing.

V. 86.

Southern Professorship 96

The following paper was offered, unanimously approved, and laid upon the table for the individual subscription of the members. viz

"For the purpose of liquidating the debt due on the southern professorship,

which the synod of N.C engaged partially to endow, in the theological seminary at Princeton, the subscribers engage to procure the sums annexed to their names respectively, from every communicant, in the following churches; or to pay a sum equivalent to such assessment, within the time they respectively mentioned." The above was signed as follows.

Names.	Engages for	consisting of	Before	for every communicant	Total $ 100
	Allemance.....				
J.W. Douglas	Bethany	24	April 1828.	25 cents	6. "
W. Paisley	Bethel	28	ditto —	do	7. "
J. H. Pickard	Bethesda...	70	do	7	4 "
	Bethlehem...				5. "
	Buffaloe...				
	Chapel Hill...				
E. B. Currie	Cross Roads..	127	April 1828.	4⅞	5 84
W. S. Plumer	Danville	36.	ditto —	25 cents	9.00
S. Paisley	Eno		ditto ...		12 "
S. L. Graham	Grapy Creek	56.	ditto —	25 cents	14 "
S. Paisley	Greears...		ditto		8. "
A. D. Montgomery	Carmel —	8.	Paid Sep 1828.	25c	2.00

Salisbury Oct 5. 1827.

Brought over						3 00
W. Paisley	Greensboro	12.	Apl 1828.	25 cts each		
	Green Spring					
A D. Montgomy	Harmony	8.	Apl. 1828	25 cents	(h1)	2. 00
E. B. Currie	Haw fields	90	ditto	4 3/8		4 16
J. H. Pickard	Haw River	34	ditto	7	(h0)	3. 00
J. Witherspoon	Hillsboro	70	ditto	25 cents		17 50
D. C. Allen	Lexington	9.	ditto	do	(h1)	2. 25
Js. Paisley —	Little River		do	do	(h2)	12 "
J. W. Douglass.	Mellon	26.	ditto	75 do	(h3)	20. 00
	Mt Hermon					
W. Neil	Murfreesboro	14.	ditto	35½ cents	(h0)	5. "
L. D. Hatch	Newbern	66.	ditto	25 do	(h0)	16. 50
	New Hope					
S. L. Graham	Nutbush	112	ditto	25 do —		28. "
J. Labaree	Oxford	18	ditto	do	(h0)	5 -
J. Labaree	Providence	3	ditto	do	(h0)	50
W. McPheeters	Raleigh	25	ditto	100 do —		25. "
A. D. Montgomy	Red House	36.	ditto	25 do	(h0 4 paid)	9. "
S. H. Smith	Spring Grove	18.	ditto	Ditto	(h0)	4 50
J. H. Pickard	Stony Creek	38	ditto	do	(h3)	3. 7"
Jas. Weatherby	33 Washington	40				12. 00

53 The N. C. Book Company submitted their constitution, and plans of operation, to the presbytery for advice, which the presbytery employed some time in giving.

The presbytery was then adjourned to meet, in Newbern, on the 16th of April next, at 7 o'clock P. M. Prayer was offered by the moderator, and the members separated.

Jas. W. Douglass Stated Clerk.

Annual Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the Synod of N. C. dated Sep. 30. 1827.

Ministers		Congregations Organized		Missions	Commissr	Theo: Sem.	Education	Presbyr	Members added	Total mem:	Baptisms Adults	Infts
1. Wm: Paisley	S.S.	1 Bethel		"	"	"	"	"	4.	28.	1.	7.
Ditto	S.S.	2 Greensboro		"	3.00	"	"	.25	1.	12.	"	5.
2. Ezek. B. Currie	P.	3 Hawfields		1.75	1.75	"	4.00	.25	.	85.	"	6.
Ditto	P.	4 Cross. Roads		1.75	1.75	"	4.00	.25.	6.	127.	3.	4.
3. Wm M. Sheeler DD.	S.S.	5 Raleigh		5.50	5.50	200.00	16.00	.25.	"	25.	"	1.
4. Jos. Caldwell DD.	S.S.	6 Chapel Hill		7.25	7.00	"	92.00	"	"	20.	"	"
5. Saml. Paisley	S.S.	7 Greears		"	"	"	1.10	.25.	3.	30	1.	"
Ditto	P.	8 Eno.		3.00	3.00	"	3.30.	"	1.	100.	1.	"
Ditto	P.	9 Little River		1.50	1.50	"	1.30	"	"	53	"	"
6. Jn°. Witherspoon	P.	10 Hillsboro	July 1816 by R.H. Chapman	10.00	10.00	"	22.00	.50	"	70.	"	"
7. Jn°. H Pickas	S.S.	11 Bethesda	about 1765	2.25	2.00	"	.50	.25	4.	70	2.	3
Ditto	S.S	12 Haw River	ab^t 1769.	1.00	1.25	"	.50	.25	"	34	"	1.
Ditto	S.S.	13 Stoney Creek.	ab^t 1770.	2.75	2.50	"	.50	"	"	38	"	1.
8. Jos. Labaree	P.	14 Oxford	1818.	2.50	2.50	"	6.00	.25	"	20.	"	2
Ditto	P.	15 Providence	1823. Oct 31st	"	"	"	"	"	"	3.	"	1.
9. Elijah Graves	S.S.	16 Green Spring		"	"	"	3.00	.25	"	15.	"	"
Ditto	S.S.	17 New Hope		"	"	"	3.00	"	"	17	"	"
10. Ed. Hollister	W.C. Living in Oxford, unable to preach			"	"	"	"	.25	"	"	"	"
11. Lem°. D. Hatch	P.	18 Newbern		10.00	10.00	"	"	.25	1.	66.	"	12
12. E. Mitchell	S.S.			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Over				49.25	51.75	200.	157.20	3.25	20	813.	8.	42

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	Ministers.			Congregations	Organized
13.	Sam'l. Graham	P.	19.	Grassy Creek	1753.
	Ditto	P.	20	Nutbush	1758.
14.	E. W. Caruthers	P.	21	Buffaloe	1756.
	Ditto	P.	22.	Alleman[illegible]	1762.
15.	A. D. Montgomery.	S.S	23	Red House	
16	Step. Frontis	S.S.		In Pennsylvania	
17.	J. W. Douglass	S.S.	24	Mellon	Oct 1. 1826.
18.	Jesse Rankin	S S.		In Salisbury, Concord Pres'y.	
19.	Jas. Weatherby	P.	25	Washington	
	[illegible] Knox	WC		In Leesburg, Winchester Pres'y.	
21.	Wm. Neil	S.S.	26	Murfreesboro	Nov. 7. 1824
22.	Darius C. Allen	S. S.	27.	Lexington	July 15. 1827.
23	Thos. Lynch	S.S		In Robinson Co'y	(Concord) Pres'y. Fay[illegible]
24	Wm. S. Plumer	S.S.	28	Danville	July 1. 1827.
25	R. H. Chapman D.D.	WC		In Centre Co[illegible]	Concord Pres'y.
			29.	Spring Grove	June 1822. Vacant.
			30.	Bethlehem	Ditto
			31	Mount Hermon	Ditto
			32	Harmony	1825 Ditto
			33	Bethany	Ditto

Total Ministers 25. Congregations 33. Licentiate 3.

	Missions	Commis[illegible]	Theo Sem	Education	Pres'y	Commun[illegible] added.	Commun[illegible] Total	Baptisms Adults	Baptisms Inf[illegible]
Brothers	49.25	51.75	200 ..	157.20	3.25	20	813	8.	43
	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	13.15	,50	2.	55.	2.	6.
	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	15.37½	———	4.	115.	..	..
	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	4.11.	,50	..	66.	..	..
	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	4.11½	.. ..	..	70.	..	..
	2.25	2.25	.. ..	1.00	,25	6	38.	4.	3.
	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..
	2.50	2.50	.. .	31.20	.. 50	14.	26.	11.	..
	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..
	6.50	6.50	.. ..	.. ..	.. 25	2.	40	..	23.
	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..
	4.50	4.00	.. ..	10.55.	,25	..	14	..	4
	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	,25	,25	9.	9.	1.	1.
	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..
	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	,50	38.	36.	16.	28.
	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	..
	3.50	3.50	.. ..	4.25	.. ..	..	18.	..	..
Total Collection	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	..	20	..	..
$593.52½	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	..	..	5	..	..
	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	,25	..	8.	..	..
	2.00	2.00	.. ..	2.82½	.. ..	2.	23.	1.	2.
Candidates 4.	$70.50	72.50	200, ..	244.02½	6.50	97.	1356.	43.	110

Report to the Synod

Licentiates. 1. John Charis, a black man, living in
H. Smith, preaching to the vacant

Candidates. 1. ~~Tit E. H.~~ Harding, at Princeton Theo:
3. Rob. N. Patterson, in Orange. 4 Alex

Historical Remarks. On the 20th April 1827 the Presy
Allen & Thos. Lynch; & on the 19th May
7th Nov 1826 they licenced Mr E. Logan,
the gospel. — On the 27th Sep 1827,
the presbytery of Winchester, the Rev
ceived, under their care, the Lately
the former consisting of 36, and the

Dated Milton Sep 30. 1827.

Note. In May 1838 a report was forwarded,
by the stated Clerk, to the General Assembly;
but as the minutes of the Spring Meeting of
the Presbytery had not reached him, the report
was necessarily a copy of the above. Hence it
is not recorded.

J. W. Douglas.

of N. C. Continued

Wake Cy.— 2. Eusebius Logan, in Virginia. 3. Saml.
congregations of Spring Grove.—
Sem'y. 2. Robert Rupell, at Union Theo: Seminary.
Wilson in Williamsboro.—
ordained Mr. Wm. Neil; on the 12th May, Mr D. C
Mr. Wm. S. Plumer, as Evangelists. — On the
& on the 19th April 1827, Mr Saml H. Smith to preach
they received, on a certificate of dismission from
R. H. Chapman D. D.: On the same day they re:
organized churches of Danville & Lexington;
latter of 9 members.

Signed. Jas. W. Douglass. Stated Clerk.

Newbern April 16. 1828.

Wednesday night, 7 O'clock

The Presbytery of Orange met, according to adjournment, and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Joseph Labaree, from II Cor: V. 20 "Now then we are ambassadors for"

After sermon the Presbytery was constituted by prayer, the following members being present.

Ministers	Elders
1. Rev. Joseph Labaree	—
2. " Samuel D. Hatch.	Dr. Elias Hawes
3 " James Weatherby.	Burbanks
4. " William Neil.	
5. " William S. Plumer.	

The following members were absent.

1 Rev William Paisley
2 " Ezekiel B. Currie
3 " William McPheeters DD.
4 " Joseph Caldwell DD.

5. Rev. Samuel Paisley.
6. Rev. John Witherspoon.
7. " John H. Pickard.
8 . Elijah Graves.
9 . Edward Hollister.
10 . Elisha Mitchell
11. " Sam: L. Graham.
12 . Eli W. Caruthers
13 " Arch: D. Montgomery
14 . Stephen Frontis
15 " James W. Douglas
16. " John Knox.
17 " Darius L. Allen.

The members present having been recorded, and the absentees ascertained, the Presbytery adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 9. O'Clock A.M.

April 17th. 1828. 9 O'C

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted by prayer.

Newbern April 17.th " 1828.

Members present as on yesterday.

The Rev - Joseph Labaree was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Mess Weatherby and Neil Clerks.

The minutes of the last stated sessions were read.

Absentees.

Letters were received from the Revs Mess.rs Douglas & Allen assigning reasons for their absence from the present sessions of Presbytery, which were sustained. The Rev.o John Knox having been absent from several stated meetings of Presbytery, it was resolved that the Stated Clerk write to him on the subject.

Com: of Supplies. The Rev. Mr. Plumer, & Dr. Hawes were appointed a committee of supplies.

Com: of Faith & Digest. Resolved that the ministers and ruling Elders of this Presbytery be reminded of the recommendation of our General Assembly,

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To be circulated. (See Digest p. 75. and minutes for 1826. pp 18,19) to circulate the Confession of Faith & Digest.

Free conversation on religion.

Resolved that the free conversation on the state of religion, within our bounds, be the order of the day for Saturday afternoon, 3 O'clock, and that Mr Plumer & Dr Hawes be a committee to take notes & prepare a report for the General Assembly. (sup. 80.)

Commissioners & Missionary Fund.

The contributions to the Commissioners and Missionary Funds were called for, and the following sums were received. viz: (see pp 266-269 of this book, in Column headed 1828.)

see vol of Statistics.

E. Logan.

A letter was received from Mr. Eusebius Logan requesting a certificate of his licensure. The clerk was directed to furnish it.

Candidates exam.o

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Whereas the Synod of N.C., at its last stated sessions, "earnestly enjoined on the Presbyteries, under its care, to pay particular attention to the improvement in holiness of candidates for the ministry," connected with the several Presbyteries.

And, whereas this Presbytery is more & more convinced of the necessity, not only of real, but of eminent piety in those who teach others, therefore

Resolved. 1. That, whenever a candidate shall perform exercises for trials, there be also an examination as to his progress in personal piety; which examinations shall be conducted in private by a standing committee of three ministers to be appointed for that purpose.

2. That the Rev Messrs McPheeters, Douglas, & Plumer compose that committee. p. 97.

3. That every candidate, under the care of this Presbytery, returning from any Theological Seminary, for the purpose of obtaining authority to preach the Gospel, be required to present a sealed letter, on the subject of his religious character, signed by the Professors in the Seminary with which he has been connected.

4. That the stated Clerk transmit a copy of these resolutions to those students, under the care of this Presbytery, who are, at this time, pursuing Theological Studies, at any Seminary.

5 That this Presbytery will consider itself under strong and lasting obligations to the Professors of any Seminary, where we may have students, if said Professors can, consistently with the discharge of their other numerous & arduous duties, pay particular attention to the personal piety of those candidates for the ministry

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whom this Presbytery may confide to their instruction.

Next Meeting.

Resolved that the next semi-annual meeting be held in Warrenton, on the last Wednesday of October, at 6 O'clock P.M.

Union Seminary.

Whereas a communication was received from the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, informing the Presbytery of their intention to solicit funds for the erection of an additional building, therefore Resolved that it be recommended to the hearty concurrence of the ministers and churches within our bounds.

Blanks.

Resolved that the stated clerk be requested to procure as many blanks for the Presbyterial reports as he may deem proper. — Adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Supplies. p. 40. & 91

The committee of supplies made their report which was received, & adopted, and is as follows, viz.

Places.	Time.	Ministers.
1. Bethany	1 Sabb.	Rev John M. Pickard.
2 Gilead	1 Do	Ditto.
3. Poor House, Caswell.	1 Do	Ditto
4 Rockingham	2 Weeks.	Ditto
5 Stokes	2 Weeks.	with
6 Surry	2 Weeks.	Rev Elijah Graves.
7. Mount Hermon	1 Sabb.	" Wm Paisley.
8. Randolph Cy	1 Week	" E.B. Currie & J. Paisly
9. Johnston Cy	1 Sabb.	" Wm McPheeters D.D.
10. Pittsboro.	2 Sabb.	" D. Caldwell & J. Mitchell
11. Orange Cy Poor House.	3 Sermons	" Currie, J. Paisly, & Smithson
12. Harmony	1 Sabb.	" A.D. Montgomery.
13. Spring Grove	1 Sab. Sac.	" W. Labaree & S.L. Graham.

The Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment. Present as before. Constituted with prayer.

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14. Winton	2 Serm:	Rev. W. Neil.
15. Craven C. Poor H.	2 Serm:	" L. D. Hatch.
16. Bath, Beaufort C. Poor House, Plymouth & Greenville	1 Sabb. at Each.	" J. Weatherby.
17. Shocco Springs	2 Sabb.	" Wm S. Plumer.

Slavery

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the memorial of the Synod of Indiana, reported as follows, and their report was adopted as expressive of the sentiments of the Presbytery. viz:

Resolved that the Presbytery of Orange deeply lament that their brethren of the Synod of Indiana are not satisfied with their own exemption from the evil of slavery; that while it shall be for a lamentation that any of the human family are held in a state of slavery, it ought never to be forgotten that slavery is an entailed evil;

that slaves are private property; that the manner in which all property is to be held is to be determined by civil, & not by ecclesiastical authority; that the subject of slavery is not understood except by those who live in slave-holding states; and finally that this Presbytery express to the General Assembly their ardent wishes that the Memorialists be, affectionately yet firmly, requested to desist from their interference with the general peace and prosperity of the Presbyterian Church in the Southern States, as affected by the subject of slavery.

Am: Board Com. F. M.

Resolved, unanimously, that the "American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions" be invited to hold their anniversary meeting for 1829

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in the City of Richmond, Va. to 141.

Church Records

The committee appointed to examine the records of the church of Washington, recommended that they be approved to page 33; which report was adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer, until to-morrow.

Saturday Morning

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The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. Present as above.

Alex: Wilson v. 45

The passage of sacred Scripture recorded in Galatians IV. 22–31 was assigned to Mr. Alexander Wilson as the subject of a critical exercise. v. 87.

Libraries.

An inquiry was made whether the injunction contained in Digest p. 78, concerning congregational libraries has been complied with. v. 95

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Delegates to G. A. p 126. p 15.

The following brethren were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly to meet in Phil^a the next month.

	Attemates
Rev. Sam^l L. Graham	
" Will. S. Plumer	Rev E. W. Caruthers.
Elder Elias Hawes M.D.	
" Mr. A. Burbanks.	

Contingent Fund.

The contribution of 25 cents, from each member, for the Contingent fund was paid in. See p 261. Column for 1828.

Warrenton. v. 37.

The recently organized church of Warrenton, on application thro' the Rev. Mr. Plumer, was taken under the care of Presbytery. v. 89.

Lost records. to 96.

It was resolved that the committee appointed (p 9.) to replace the lost records of Orange Pres. be continued.

The Sabbath p 42.

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The Rev. M. Hatch was appointed to preach a sermon, on the subject of the Sabbath, at the next stated meeting of Presbytery. v. 94.

Intemperance p. 40.

The Presbytery had a recep that the Society for the suppression of Intemperance might have an opportunity of meeting. v. 90

Extortion & Usury.

Resolved that this Presbytery think it an impenious duty to bear their full & decided testimony against the various systems of extortion & usury, which, they fear, are prevalent within their bounds.

Reading the Scriptures.

Resolved that this Presbytery consider it expedient to call the attention of Ministers & Churches within their bounds to Chap 3rd of the Directory

for worship.

Baptized children.

Inquiry was made concerning the assembling of baptized children.

E. Logan.

Mr E. Logan appeared in Presbytery, & stated that, owing to (his) ill health, he considered it his duty to refrain from preaching the Gospel at present. The Presbytery approved the course he had taken. v. 93.

Newbern Records.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Church of Newbern, recommended that they should be approved, which report was adopted. v. 93.

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Day of Prayer. 29. 100

Resolved that this Presbytery, at its next stated meeting, will spend, at least, a half a day in prayer,

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conference, & mutual exhostation.
The Presbytery was then adjourned,
to meet in Warrenton on Wednesday
the 29th October, at 6 o'clock P. M.
After prayer the members separated.

James W. Douglas
Stated Clerk.

Note. On saturday, 3 o'Clock, the free conversation
on the state of religion was held, but no report
was prepared from it.

Warrenton. N. C.

Wednesday night. Oct 29. 1828.

The Presbytery of Orange met, according
to adjournment, and was opened with
a sermon by the moderator, Rev. Joseph
Labaree, from Matth V. 14.16. "Ye are the
light of the world — Let your light so
shine before men that they may see your
good works, & glorify your Father which
is in heaven."

The Presbytery was then constituted
with prayer, the following members being
present. viz.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders
1. Rev. Sam[l] Pacely	
2. " John H. Pickard	
3. " Joseph Labaree	
4. " Edward Hollister	
5. " Lemuel D. Hatch #	
6. " Sam[l] S. Graham	1 James Daniel
7. " A. D. Montgomery.	2 Rob[t] Rofs.

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8. Stephen Frontis
9. James W. Douglas.
10 Darius C. Allen ||
11. William S. Plumer.

3. M. P. Hunting 1st.
4. Lofton Walton
5. Robt Cheek.

Took his seat on the 31st.

|| Took his seat on the 30th

The following were absent

1 Rev. William Paisly
2 " E. B. Currie.
3. " W. McPheeters D.D.
4 " Jos Caldwell D.D.
5 " John Witherspoon
6. " E. Graves.
7. " E. Mitchell
8. " E. W. Caruthers
9. " Jas Weatherby
10. " John Knox
11. " Wm. Neil.

The Rev A.D. Montgomery was chosen Moderator, & Sam L. Graham, & Stephen Frontis Clerks.

The Presbytery then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 O'clock.

Pray by Rev Shepherd K. Kollock.

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Thursday morn 9 O'clock.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Present as above.

The Rev Danl A. Penick presented a letter of dismission & recommendation from the Presbytery of Hanover to this Presbytery, which was read, & Mr Penick was received accordingly a member of the Orange Presbytery. (Papers no 11.)

The minutes of the last stated sessions were read.

Absentees

The Rev. Sam: Paisly, Jno H Pickard, Sam L Graham, A D Montgomery & Stephen Frontis assigned reasons for their absence from former meetings, which were sustained.

Rules.

Mess Graham, Plumer & Penick ministers, & Daniel & Ross ruling Elders were appointed a committee to report on

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8. Stephen Frontis
9. James W. Douglas.
10 Darius C. Allen ||
11. William S. Plumer.

3. M. P. Hunting Esq.
4. Lofton Walton
5. Robt Cheek.

|| Took his seat on the 30th # Took his seat on the 31st.

The following were absent

1 Rev. William Paisly
2 " E. B. Currie.
3. " W. McPheeters D.D.
4 " Jon Caldwell D.D.
5 " John Witherspoon
6. " E. Graves.
7. " E. Mitchell
8. " E. W. Caruthers
9. " Jas Scatterby
10. " John Knox
11. " Wm. Neil.

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Absentees

The Rev. Sam: Paisly, Jn: H Pickard, Saml L Graham, A D Montgomery & Stephen Frontis assigned reasons for their absence from former meetings, which were sustained.

Rules.

Mess Graham, Plumer & Penick ministers, & Daniel & Ross ruling Elders were appointed a committee to report on

the propriety of adopting the rules at the end of our Directory as the governing rules of this Presbytery. p 91.

Com: of Supplies

Mess Pickard, Douglas, & Frontis, with Daniel Rob Aulinglelder were appointed a committee of supplies.

Minutes Gen. Assem:

Mess Parsly, Plumer, & Daniel were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly, & report any thing contained in them requiring the notice of Presbytery.

Absentees

Letters were received from Mess M^c Pheeters & Witherspoon assigning reasons for their absence from the present meeting, which were sustained. (Papers no 12.)

Delegates to Gen: Ass.

Mr Plumer reported that he had attended the last General Assembly, according

to appointment; the report was accepted.

Mr Graham reported that he had not heard of his appointment in time. He was excused.

Call

A call from the church of Briery, in Hanover Presbytery, for the pastoral labors of the Rev^d J. W. Douglas was laid before the Presbytery, and, being found in order, was put into his hands. (See papers no 13.) Mr. Douglas stated, in answer that whilst the congregation of Briery deserved his highest regard, and all the circumstances of their call were entirely pleasant to his feelings, yet his convictions of duty did not allow him to accept (their) it. The call was therefore returned to the Presbytery, & by them to the commissioners who had presented it.

Collections

1. For the Contingent Fund, see p 261.
2. For the Stated Clerk of Synod, see p.
3. For the Education fund, see p 263.

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The Stated Clerk was directed to procure, by purchase or otherwise, a copy of the Confession of Faith, & of the Digest for the use of this Presbytery.

Colon: Soc: pom 37.

Agreeably to a standing rule, inquiry was made respecting collections, on or about the 4th July for the Colonization Society. None were made except in the congregations of Mr.

Mr Lynch. Vide 56. 98.

Letter of dismission sent to Mr L.

The Rev Thomas Lynch, who received, Oct 5 1827, a certificate of dismission from this Presbytery to the Presbytery of Fayetteville, but who did not, & will not present it, requested, this: Mr Frontis, that it might be directed to the Presbytery of West Tennessee, which was accordingly done.

Absentees

The Rev E. Hallister, & D. C. Allen appeared in Presbytery, & took their seats.

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Appeal. H. A. Burton.

An appeal, (papers no 14.) was laid before the Presbytery, by Horace A. Burton, from a decision of the Session of Grapy Creek & Nutbush, suspending him from the communion of the church, & from his office of ruling Elder, which appeal, being found regular, was taken up. It was then carried thro' the process prescribed in paragraph VIII of the 3rd Section, of the 7th Chapter of the book of Discipline. The roll was then called, & the members were heard on the case, after which it was resolved, unanimously, that the decision of the Session be confirmed.

A. Wilson. v. 76.

Mr. Alexander Wilson was examined on English Grammar, Geography, moral Philosophy, Rhetoric, Mythology, the Greek & Latin Languages, & Church Government. Mr Wilson also read a Latin

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Exegesis on the question "An satisfactio Christi est necessaria?" p46, all which were sustained, as parts of trial. see below.

The Presbytery was then adjourned to meet, to-morrow morning at a half after 8 O'clock.

Concluded with prayer.—

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Friday morn[g] Oct 31. 1828.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Present as above.

A. Wilson v. 87. 97. 129.

The 24th Psalm, & James 2:17 were assigned to Mr Wilson as subjects for a Lecture, & a Popular Sermon.

Next stated meeting. 124

On motion it was resolved that the next stated sessions of this Presbytery be held in Danville on the Third Wednesday, the 15th day

of April 1829, at 7 O'Clock P.M.

Carmel. v. 77.

The newly organized Church of Carmel, in Halifax Cy. Virg[a], consisting of 8 members, requested, thro' the Rev. A.D. Montgomery, to be received under the care of this Presbytery, which was accordingly done.

Red House.

The Red House church, now vacant, presented, thro' Mr Lofton Walton, their ruling Elder, an Earnest request for ministerial assistance. Mr S. Pauly & Mr Graham were appointed a Committee to visit, if possible, the said Church, and to endeavor to obtain for them a stated supply of preaching.

R. Rupell. p. 41. 97.

Mr. Robert Rupel read 4 lectures on the question, "What are the miseries into which the fall brought mankind!"; and on

the first 10 verses of Matth: 17. (see p 41.)
which were sustained as parts of trial.

Intemperance. p 78.

The Presbytery then had a recess of several hours, that the Society for the suppression of Intemperance might have an opportunity of meeting.

p. 53. Ev. & Lit. Mag: and Visitor & Tel:—

The following resolutions were offered & unanimously adopted.

Resolved that, in the opinion of this Presbytery, the churches under our care ought not, any longer, to withhold their patronage from the Literary & Evangelical Magazine, and we do accordingly recommend it to their support.

Resolved, further, that the Presbytery considered the Visitor & Telegraph as second to none of the weekly religious newspapers now published, and that

it is their earnest wish that every family, in their bounds, may become a subscriber.

Rules. p 84.

The rules appended to the Book of Discipline, entitled "General Rules for judicatories" were adopted as standing rules for the government of this Presbytery.

Supplies. p 73. 136.

The committee of supplies reported. Their report was adopted, & is as follows. viz.

Bath & Plymouth.	1 Sab. each.	Rev J. Weatherby
Caswell Poor House.	2 Sermons—	" J. H. Pickard.
Carmel	1 Sab.	" E. Hollister.
Craven Court H.—	2 Serm:	" L. D. Hatch.
Harmony	1 Sabb—	" D. A. Penick.
Johnson Cy—	" 1 Week.	" Dr. McPheeters.
Pittsboro—	" 2 Sabb.	" Dr Caldwell & Establish
Randolph Cy—	1 Week—	" Currie & S. Paisly
Red House	1 Sac: Sab—	" Graham, & Montgomery
Rockingham Cy—	2 Sab. or more	" Pickard, & Mr S. A Smith

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Min: Gen: Assem:

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly reported ~~their report was adopted, & is as follows.~~ "~~The committee appointed~~ the following things as deserving the notice of this Presbytery. 1. A day of Thanksgiving, humiliation, & prayer, on the first wednesday of the sessions of the Gen[l] Assembly. (Minutes for 1828. pp 225, 236.) — 2. The appointment by the General Assembly of the 4[th] Thursday of January 1829, as a day of fasting, humiliation & prayer, with special reference to the sin of Intemperance. (pp 241.) — 3 Resolutions directing the form of sessional & Presbyterial reports. (pp. 243, 244.) — 4. Resolutions enjoining upon the churches increased efforts for the Education of poor & pious youth for the Gospel ministry. Pp. 240. — It was resolved that an attention to these objects be enjoined upon the Churches under our care.

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S. H. Smith. p 22. 116.

Resolved that this Presbytery will hold an adjourned (a Special) meeting at Spring Grove on the 13[th] of December next, to take measures for the ordination of Mr Saml. H. Smith. That Mr Smith be directed to deliver a discourse on Rom 10. 1. "Brethren, my hearts desire & prayer to God, for Israel is that they might be saved." That, should the Presbytery determine to ordain Mr Smith, Mr Saml. Paisly preside; Mr Plumer preach the sermon, & Mr Hallister give the charge.

Sessional Reports. p 79.

Resolved that it be, hereafter, a standing rule of this Presbytery, that every church in our bounds forward their Session Book, & a sessional report to the Presbytery, at every stated meeting.

E. Logan. p 79.

The committee appointed to prepare

a minute on the death of Mr Logan, reported the following, which was adopted. viz: "That this Presbytery acknowledge the hand of God upon them, in removing, by death, from their care, Mr Eusebius Logan, a licentiate of this Presbytery, an event which took place at Greenville, Augusta Cy. Virginia, on the 14th day of August last, and that we ought to feel ourselves individually urged, by this bereavement, to increased diligence & haste in finishing our work.

Sabbath. p. 78. 98

Mr Hatch, who was appointed to preach a sermon, at this meeting of Presbytery, on the ~~subject~~ law of the sabbath, assigned reasons for not fulfilling the appointment, which were sustained. It was then resolved that Mr Hatch be appointed to preach on the same subject at the next stated meeting, to be held

in Danville, and that Mr Labaree be his alternate. The standing rule, which ~~enjoins~~ enjoins an inquiry, at every stated fall meeting, as to the manner in which the law of the sabbath has been observed in our Congregations, was then complied with.

Benev. Societies

Messrs Labaree, Graham & Daniel were appointed a committee to report any new & important institutions which may have arisen during the last year, if may require the notice of this Presbytery.

Libraries. p. 76.

Inquiry was made respecting the formation of congregational Libraries, as recommended in the Digest, p. 78. It was found that in the congregations of Newbern, Grassy Creek Muthbush, Milton, Danville, & Warrenton the subject had been partially attended to.

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Stated Clerk. p 41

Resolved that Ten Dollars, annually, be paid, out of the contingent fund, to the Stated Clerk, of this Presbytery, for his services.

Lost records. 77. to 122

Resolved that Mr Douglas be added to the committee, heretofore, appointed to replace the lost records of this Presbytery.

Southern Professorship. 56. 113

The subject of the Southern Professorship was taken up, & the following collections reported; See pp. 265 column for 1828.

Poor. 38.

Inquiry was made to ascertain whether any of our church members are allowed to become public paupers. There were none.

Education Society 113.

The Presbytery had a recess to give the Education Society an opportunity of meeting. After which meeting the Presbytery was

adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ Oclock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.—

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Saturday Morng. Nov 1. 1828.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Present as above.

Leave of absence

Messrs Graham, Labarce, & Walton obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Presbytery.

Exam.n of Candidates. p 70.

The standing committee appointed to converse with candidates for the ministry respecting their "growth in grace", reported that they had had an interview with Mr Wilson 88, 129 & Mr Rufeel. 89. 128, 8

Benevolent Societies. 78. 95.

The committee appointed to report any institutions of the last year which might

require the notice of this Presbytery reported that a most important one, in their opinion, is
95 the "General Union for the observance of the Christian Sabbath", which report was accepted, & it was resolved that the Presbytery do earnestly recommend to their congregations to form societies auxiliary to that Union.

S. Frontis. 86.

Letter of dismission given to Mr S. Oct 5. 1828.

The Rev. Stephen Frontis requested a dismission from this Presbytery with the view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Concord. Whereupon, resolved that he be dismissed & recommended accordingly.

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved that the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to the brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the use of their house of worship during this meeting. Resolved, also, that the Presbytery tender their thanks to the citizens of Warren-

ton, & its vicinity, for the kindness & hospitality with which the Presbytery have been entertained during its present sessions.

Con: of Faith & Digest.

Inquiry was made respecting the circulation of the Confession of Faith & Digest.

Book Com.

The Presbytery had a recess to give the Book Company an opportunity of meeting.

Private Fasts.

Resolved that this Presbytery think themselves bound to urge upon the church members under their care the duty of private fasting, inculcated as it is in both Testaments, the New as well as the Old; & by all religions, natural & revealed; & by the example of the best of Gods people in every age.

Free conversation before Synod.

The Rev. Messrs Montgomery, Witherspoon & Plumer were appointed to conduct

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the free conversation on the state of religion, before the Synod of N.C. at its sessions next week.

Conference. 79. 142. 141.

The Presbytery having resolved to spend this afternoon in religious conference, exhortation & prayer, had a recess until after sermon to night.

Resolved that the subject for our next conference be the following question. "When does a minister of the Gospel deserve the name of a wicked minister?"

The minutes of the present sessions having been read & approved, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Raleigh during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Concluded with prayer, the Christian doxology, & the apostolic benediction.

J. W. Douglas. Stated Clk

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Fifteenth Sessions of the Synod of North Carolina
Raleigh N.C. 8th Nov 1828.

Minutes examined & approved

Lem. D. Hatch Moderator

Raleigh November 5th 1828.

Wednesday

The Presbytery of Orange met, at the call of the Moderator, according to adjournment, and was constituted by prayer.

Ministers	Ruling Elders
William Paisly.	
Ezekiel B. Currie.	Stephen Glass
William McPheeters DD.	N.H. Harding.
Joseph Caldwell DD	
Samuel Paisly.	
John H. Pickard.	
Elijah Graves.	
Samuel D. Hatch.	
Saml. L. Graham.	Sam. S. Downy
A. D. Montgomery	Robert Ross.
Eli. W. Caruthers	5. Thomas Domell.
James W. Douglas.	
Daniel A. Penick	
Dennis E. Allen.	
15. William S. Plumer.	

Absent J. Witherspoon, J. Labaree, E. Hollister, E. Mitchell, J. Weatherby, J. Knox, W. Neil. Total 7

Mess Caruthers & Allen were appointed Clerks.

A.W. Gay.

The Rev: Abner W. Gay was received a member of this Presbytery, on certificate from the Presbytery of Fayetteville.— See papers No 15.

N. H. Harding. 46. 104.

W. Harding was examined on Ecclesiastical history, church government, Natural & revealed theology, the sacraments, and the Hebrew language. He also read a lecture on Psalm 110. "The Lord said unto my Lord &c", and a critical Exercise on Rom: 1:3,4. "Concerning his son Jesus Christ &c", All which were sustained as parts of trial.

Adjourned, to meet at the call of the Moderator. Concluded with prayer by Mr Currie.

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The Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer. Present as above.

Mr. Harding 103. 105

read a popular discourse from Rom: 8. 1. (Brethren pray) "There is therefore, now, no condemnation &c.", which discourse was sustained as a part of trials, and, on motion, it was resolved that his licensure, to preach the gospel, take place this evening, in this church, immediately after public service. Resolved, further, that a neat pocket Bible be purchased, out of the contingent fund of Presbytery, & presented to him, in the licensure service.

Mr. Freeman.

Whereas the Rev. Frederick Freeman has requested an expression of the sense of this Presbytery respecting his conduct, in a certain matter between him and

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the Rev. Jonathan Whitaker, late of the state of Massachusetts, therefore resolved, that the Rev Joseph Caldwell D. D, & the Rev. Samuel D. Hatch, with Mr Samuel S. Downey, be, & they hereby are, appointed a committee to prepare a minute on this subject, and report to Presbytery, at their next meeting.

Mr Harding. 104. 129

The Presbytery had a recess until after service to-night. ..... After Service,

At Raleigh, Nov 6. 1828, the Presbytery of Orange, having received satisfactory testimonials in favor of Nehemiah H. Harding, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, &c. &c. (as on page 21. of this book) the Presbytery did, thereby do, license him, N. H. Harding to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

106. Raleigh Nov.b. 1828. The following statistical report of

viz: Annual Report of the Presbytery of Orange

No	Ministers of the Gospel names	Con: nexion	Churches no	Churches names.	
2	E. B. Currie	P.	3	Hawfields	
	do	P.	4	Cross Roads	
1.	Wm Paisly	S. S.	1	Bethel	
	do	S. S	2	Greensboro.	
3	Wm M.c Wheeler DD.	W. C.	"	"	Living in Raleigh
4	Jos. Caldwell DD.	S. S.	5.	Chapel Hill	
5.	Sam. Paisly	S. S	6	Geecars	
	do	P.	7.	Eno	
	do	P.	8.	Little River	
6	John Witherspoon	P.	9.	Hillsboro	
7.	Jn.o H. Pickard.	S. S	10	Bethesda	
	do	S. S	11	Haw River	
	do	S. S	12	Stony Creek	
8	Jos Labaree	P.	13	Oxford	
	do	P.	14	Providence	
9.	E. Graves	S. S	15	New Hope	
	do	S. S	16	Bethlehem	
10.	L. D. Hatch	P.	17.	Newbern	
11.	E. Hollister	W.C.		Teacher, Buffalo Springs	

by the S. Clk

Presbytery to the Synod of N. C. was presented & adopted. 107.

to the Synod of N. C. dated Raleigh Nov.b. 1828.

Missions	Contin:	Theo: Sem.	Educ.n	Contin: fund S. Clk.	Synod.	Pres.y	Members add.l	Members total	Baptisms Ad.	Baptisms In.	Baptisms Total
"	"	"	"	5.00	3.20	"	60	50	16	92	8.	10.	18
"	"	"	"	5,00	3.20	"	"	"	11.	136.	4.	8	12
"	"	"	"	5.00	"	"	"	50	4.	32	1.	3.	4
"	"	"	"	5.00	"	"	"	"	1.	13.	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	60	50	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	11,	"	60.	50	"	20	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	8.15	"	"	"	4.	33.	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	16.00	4.52½	"	60	50	3.	103	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	8.00	1.75	"	"	"	"	53	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	60	"	"	"
1.50	1.50	4.	"	2,25	"	"	"	"	3.	72	2.	6.	8
.80	.80	3,	"	2,50	"	60	50	"	34	"	2.	2	
1.60	1.60	3.	"	2.20	"	"	"	"	38	"	3.	3.	
3.50	3.50	4.50	5.	"	"	50	50	"	20	"	4.	4	
"	"	"	"	.75	"	"	"	"	"	3.	"	"	"
1.	"	1.	"	"	"	1.30	"	65	50	3.	20	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4.	24	1.	"
5.	"	5.	"	16.50.	34.60.	"	60.	75	2.	68.	2.	10.	12
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	50	50.	"	"	"	"
13.40.	13.40.	75,75	79.67½	"	5.75	5.75	51.	827.	18.	46.	64.		

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Ministers of the Gospel			Churches.	
No	Names	Connex	No	Names
				Bro[t] over
12	E. Mitchell	W.C	..	Professor in University N.C
13.	Sam. L. Graham	P	18.	Nutbush.
	do	P	19	Grapy Creek
14.	A. D. Montgomy	S.S	20	Danville
	do	S.S	21	Carmel
15	E.W. Caruthers	P	22	Buffalo
	Do	P.	23	Allemance
16.	J.W. Douglas	S.S.	..	In Hanover Pres: Brieg ch
17.	Jas Weatherby	P.	24.	Washington
18.	Dan[l] A. Penick	S.S	25.	Milton
	Do	S.S	26.	Bethany
19	John Knox	W.C.	..	In Winchester Pres:
20	Wm Neil	S.S.	27	Murfreesboro
21.	Darius C Allen	W.C	~	
22	Wm S. Plumer	W.C	~	
23	Abner W Gay	W.C	~	

to the Synod of N.C. Continued

Collections for benevolent objects.							Members		Baptisms		
Mission	Com[y]	Th. Sem.	Educa[n]	Con: Fd. & S. Clk Synod	Pres bytery		added	Total	Ad.	In.	Total
13. 40.	13.40	75.75	79.67½	5.[illegible]	4.75		51.	827.	18.	46.	64
" "	" "	" "	" "	.10	"		"	"	"	"	"
28. 50	3.77.	27.75	12.50	.60.	50		7.	116.	"	10.	10
33.50.	3.78.	13.75	12.50	"	25		5.	58	"	5.	5
" "	" "	9. "	10.75	60	50		8.	46.	4.	2.	6
" "	" "	2. "	2.75	"	25		8.	8	6.	10.	16.
1. 87½	1.50	" "	" "	60	50		4.	70	"	4.	4
2.50	2.50	" "	" "	"			2.	73	"	4.	4.
1. "	" "	" "	1. "	60.	50		"	"	"	"	"
8. "	8. "	" "	" "	"	50.		12.	47.	"	"	"
" "	" "	20. "	7.25	60	50.		13.	36.	6.	7.	13
" "	" "	6. "	" "	"	"		"	23	"	"	"
" "	" "	" "	" "	"	"		"	"	"	"	"
" "	" "	3. "	" "	"	25		"	14	"	"	"
" "	" "	2.25	" "	60.	50		"	"	"	"	"
" "	" "	" "	" "	60	50		"	"	"	"	"
" "	" "	" "	" "	10.	"		"	"	"	"	"
88. 77½	32.95.	159.50.	126.42½	10.15	10. "		110.	1318	34.	88.	122.

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Ministers of the Gospel. No	Names.	Connex.	Churches. No	Names—	
					Bro- Jonvard.
			28.	Warrenton. —	Vacant.
			29.	Raleigh. — —	V. —
			30.	Lexington —	V.
			31.	Red House	V.
			32.	Spring Grove	V.
			33.	Green Spring	V.
			34	Harmony.	V.
			35.	Mt. Hermon	V.

Total Collections $487.83¾.

Total 23 Ministers. 35 Churches. 3 Licentiates & 3 Candidates.

II Licentiates. 1. John Chaves, a black man. 2. Sam Spring Grove. 3. Nehemiah H.

III Candidates. 1. Rob. Russell at the Union Sem.

III Historical Remarks. 1. Dismissions. Rev. J. Rankin
Rev. A. Frontis
Rev. H. Lynch

2. Accessions. Rev. Daniel A.
Rev Abner W.

Collections for benevolent Objects: Missions	Com-	Th Sem.	Edu-	Synod	Pres.	Members: ad-	Total	Baptisms: Ad.	In.	Tot-
88.77½	32.95	159.50	126.42½	10.15	10. „	110.	1318.	34.	88.	122.
7. „	„ „	„ „	8.18¾	„	25	20.	20.	9.	10.	19.
„ „	„ „	25. „	„ „	„	„	1.	26.	„	1.	1.
„ „	„ „	„ „	„ „	„	„	„	7.	„	1.	1.
„ „	„ „	4. „	4 „	„	25	„	38.	„	„	„
3.40.	3.45.	4.50.	„ „	50	30.	2.	19.	„	2.	2.
„ „	„ „	„ „	„ „	„	„	„	15	„	„	„
„ „	„ „	2. „	„ „	„	„	„	7.	„	„	„
„ „	„ „	„ „	„ „	„	„	„	5.	„	„	„
S. Frontis	„ „	„ „	„ „	70.	50.	„	„	„	„	„
$99.17½	36.40	195. „	134.61.	11.35	11.30	133.	1455	43.	102.	145

H. Smith supplying the vacant congregation of Harding not yet stationed.—

2. Nath. Patterson. 3 A. Wilson Williamsboro.—

& Rob. H. Chapman DD to the Presbytery of Concord, Oct 5. 1827

to the Presbytery of Concord, Nov 1. 1828.

to the Presbytery of West Tennessee, Nov 5. 1828.

Penick received from the Pres- of Hanover, Oct 30. 1828

Gay received from the Pres. of Fayetteville Nov 5. 1828.

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3. Deaths. Mr Eusebius Logan, a licentiate, was removed from our care, by death, on the 14th August 1828, aged 28.

4. Licensures. Mr N. H. Harding was licensed to preach the gospel, on the 6th Nov. 1828.

All which is respectfully submitted to the Synod.

Presbytery was then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday. Nov. 8. 1828.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Present as above.—

Mr Patterson

was Examined on natural & moral philosophy. The Examinations were not sustained, and the candidate was directed to prepare for Examination on these

studies at the next stated meeting of Presbytery. p 128.

Education 96

The Presbytery resolved itself into an Education Society, which after adopting a constitution, appointing officers, &c again gave place, & the Presbytery resumed its session.

Mr Hatch 117

The Rev. Mr Hatch asked to be released from his pastoral connexion with the church of Newbern, whereupon resolved that the said church be, and they hereby are, cited to appear at the meeting of this Presbytery, to be held at Spring Grove, on the 13th December next, to show cause, if any, why Mr Hatch should not be released.

Southern Professorship. 96.

The Treasurer of Presbytery, Mr Hatch, reported that he had received, towards

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the payment of arrears on the Southern Professorship, $195; that, consequently, to make up the sum of $704.63¾, assumed by this Presbytery, there was a deficit, to be provided for, of $509.63¾.

To pay this balance there appeared the following ways and means. viz

1. Due from the Churches of Hillsboro, Washington, Murpeesboro, & Red Stone. 36.50
2. Donation from the Rev.d Dr. Rice —— 10. paid
3. Pledges to collect or pay, at or before the meeting of Presbytery, at Danville, in April 1829, as follows. Rev.d Dr. Caldwell — 50. "
   Rev.d L. D. Hatch — 50. "
   " W. McSheeters. DD — 25. "
   Conditionally Jo Hawfield, W Glass — 25. "
   Conditionally, Rev E. W. Caruthers 20. "
   " Rev. D. A. Penick 20. " paid 7th Oct 1829.

up — $190. — $46.50

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Rev W. S. Plumer — 15. — paid Ap. 20. '29
Conditionally " A. D. Montgomery — 11.50 Paid 7th Oct 1829. $8.—
" J. W. Douglas — 17.00 paid Ap 20. '29
" Wm Paisly — 10. — paid Ap 20. '29.
" A. W. Gay —— 10. — paid 25.50

$300. —

Leaving $209.63 still unprovided for. —

The Presbytery was then adjourned to meet, at Spring Grove church, on the 13th Dec.r next at 11 O'clock A.M. — Concluded with prayer by Dr Caldwell, & the apostolic benediction by the moderator.

Jas. W Douglas S. Clerk

Spring Grove, Dec.r 13. 1828.

Friday 11 O. Clock A. M

The Presbytery of Orange met, at Spring Grove church, according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

Present Rev. Samuel Paisley
" Edward Hollister
" William S. Plumer

with Mr. Maurice Smith Ruling Elder.

The Rev. S. Paisley was chosen moderator, and the Rev. Wm. S. Plumer Clk.

93. Mr. Samuel Henry Smith was examined on the sacraments and church government. He also delivered a discourse on Rom. 10. 1. "Brethren, &c."; all which were sustained as parts of trials, and the Presbytery proceeded to his ordination.

The Rev Mr Plumer preached the ordination sermon from Dan. 12:10.

Mr Smith having then adopted the Confession of Faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed

to be put to Candidates for ordination, the Presbytery did solemnly ordain him the said Samuel Henry Smith, as an evangelist, to the holy office of the gospel ministry, the Rev. Samuel Paisley presiding, "by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery."

A charge was then delivered to the newly ordained evangelist, by Mr Hollister, after which he was invited to take his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Mr Hatch and Newbern. 113.

The Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch having requested, at a former meeting of Presbytery, that the pastoral connexion, between himself and the church of Newbern, should be dissolved; and the church having failed to show cause why his request may not be granted, it was resolved that the said connexion be, and it hereby is, dissolved.

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The Presbytery was then adjourned to meet at Danville, on the third Wednesday, the 15th day of April 1829, at 7 O Clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

James W. Douglas Stated Clk.

Danville April 15th 1829.

Wednesday Night 7 O'clock.

The presbytery of Orange met, according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon, by the moderator, the Rev. Mr. Montgomery, from II Cor. 10. 4. "For the weapons &c"

Constituted with prayer, members present as follows. viz.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Mr. Paisly. (On the 16th.)	None.
E. B. Currie.	Will. Geddes.
Joseph Labaree.	"
Samuel Paisley	John L. Woods.
John Witherspoon. (On the 16th.)	"
John N. Pickard.	Daniel A. Allen.
E. Mitchell, On Saturday.	"
E. Hollister.	"
Sam. L. Graham (on the 16th.)	Sam. S. Downy
E. W. Caruthers. (On the 16th.)	John Paisley.
A. D. Montgomery.	James Garland.
J. W. Douglas.	"

James Weatherby. ~
William Neil. ~
Darius C. Allen. ~
Will. S. Plumer. Wm Beard from Harmony
Thos P. Hunt. (On the 16th.) Lofton Mallon. Red House
Hiram P. Goodrich (On the 16th) H. P. Huntington 16th } from
Abner W. Gay. afterward W. M. Lewis } Milton.
Sam. B. Smith.
N. H. Harding. (took his seat the 18th. p 139.)

In all 21 ministers and 10. ruling Elders.

Absent

Dr. M'Pheeters. Dr. Caldwell. Mr Graves. Mr Hatch.
121. Mr. Penick. Mr. John Knox.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer. ——

Thursday morning. 9. o'Clock. Apl. 16. 1829.

The presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present as above.

The Rev. C. Hollister was chosen moderator, and J. Weatherby, and A. W. Gay Clerks. —

The Education society was permitted to meet, for a few minutes, after which the minutes of the last sessions were read.

120 = Absentees. Mess.rs Currie, Weatherby, & Neil assigned reasons for their absence from former meetings which were sustained. Mess. Witherspoon and Graham appeared and took their seats. Their reasons for absence were also sustained.

= Goodrich, the Rev. Hiram Plumer, was received a member of this presbytery, on certificate from the presbytery of Albany, and took his seat. * Paper No 17.

= Supplies. All the supplies appointed at the last meeting, except Mr. Currie, and Paisly, reported that they had fulfilled their appointments.

= Committees. The following committees were appointed. 1. On session books; all the members present. 2 On the treasurers account, Mr. Plumer, Downy & Beard.

p. 125. 127. p. 123. 3. On the subject of Mr Hardings ordination, Mr. Currie, Hunt and Downy. A.

* The Rev. Thomas P. Hunt also from the presbytery of Missouri. See papers No. 16.

127. 4. On the Missionary & Commissioners fund.
127. M.r Douglass and Graham. — 5. On the Contin.
gent fund, M.r Huntington. 6. Of supplies,
M.r Currie, Weatherby, Smith, and Walton.
p 125. 7. Of arrangements for special sermons
M.r Montgomery, and Douglass. 8. To take
notes, during the free conversation on the
state of religion, on Friday 3 oblock P. M, and
to prepare a report to the General Asembly,
M.r Hunt, and Goodrich.

121. = Absentees. M.r W. Paisly & Caruthers appeared and
132. took their seats. Their reasons for absence were
sustained.

44 = Treasurer. M.r Douglass was appointed tempo =
153. rary treasurer.

131. = Call. A call from the congregation of Raleigh,
for the pastoral services of the Rev. W. Hunt,
was laid before presbytery, and committed to
the inspection of M.r Graham, Plumer, & Beard.

96. = Lost Records. The committee appointed in 1827
to recover the lost records of this pres by =

tery having no report, were, at their request, dis =
charged, and M.r Douglass was appointed to
attend to this duty, at the expence of the pres =
bytery.

= Knox, the Rev. John, requested this W. Mont =
8' gomery, a dismission from this presby =
tery, for the purpose of connecting him =
self with the presbytery of Winchester;
Resolved that he be dismissed and recom =
mended accordingly.

= M.r Harding. The committee appointed on M.r
p 121. Harding's ordination recommended that
M.r Harding be put on examination for
ordination as an Evangelist: that Luke
VIII. 43–48 be assigned him as the subject
for an ordination sermon; that, should
his trials be sustained, the Rev M.r Labaree p
preach the sermon, M.r Hollister preside, and
M.r S. Paisly deliver the charge; and that
the exercises take place on Saturday evening,
at 7 oblock P. M. The report was adopted.

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= Next meeting. The next semi-annual ses-
p. 88. sions of the presbytery were appointed
to be held at Hawfields church, to
commence the 7th October, at 12 Oclock.
It was resolved, also, that the presbyte-
ry will hold an adjourned meeting at
the Union Theo. Sem. during the sessions of
the Board of Directors of that institution,
which commence the 5th May next.—

= Mr. M. P. Huntington resigned his seat to
Mr W. M. Lewis, his alternate.

Several candidates were partially exam-
ined. Adjourned to meet to-morrow
morning, at 5/4 o Clock A.M. Concluded
with prayer

Friday, 5/4 o Clock, April 17. 1829.

The presbytery met according to adjourn-
ment, and was opened with prayer. Present
as before. Minutes of yesterday were read.
The examination of candidates was continued.

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= Providence. It was stated that the church of
Providence had been so weakened by remov-
als that it was inexpedient to continue it
as a distinct society. It was accordingly
dissolved, and its members were directed
to connect themselves with the church of
Oxford.

= The committee of arrangements (p. 122.) recommend-
ed that the temperance society be allowed
to meet this afternoon, and that Messs.
Witherspoon, Plumer, and Goodrich deliv-
er addresses: that the Education society
meet to-morrow afternoon, and that Messs.
Mitchell, Graham, Douglass, and Hunt de-
liver addresses: and that the sermon on
the law of the sabbath be preached to-mor-
row night. The report was adopted.

= Church Records. The committees appoint-
ed to examine the records of the churches
of Milton, Hillsboro, Grassy Creek, Cross Road,
Buffalo, Allemance, Danville, Warenton,

Raleigh, Eno, and Little River, recommended that those records be approved. The report was adopted. . . . . The committees also reported that the churches of Bethany Bethesda, Bethel, Bethlehem, Carmel, Chapel Hill, Greecan, Greensboro', Greenspring, Harmony, Hawfields, Haw River, Lexington, Mt Hermon, Murfreesboro, Newbern, New Hope, Nutbush, Oxford, Spring Grove, Stony Creek, Red House, and Washington had neglected to bring their records before the presbytery. The Committees were discharged.

= Absent Church members. A standing rule in regard to church members, who remove to distant parts, was adopted, which provide that after an absence of two years, without application for dismission, they shall be reported as removed.

77. = Delegates. The Rev. Mess. Graham, Douglass,
138. and Plumer, with Dr Hawes, Mr Beard and Mr

167. Downy were appointed to represent this presbytery in the next General Assembly, and that the collections, this Spring, for Commissioners were appropriated towards bearing their Expences.

267. = Missionary Fund. Resolved that "the missionary fund", as it has heretofore existed in this presbytery, be abolished, and that our churches forward their contributions for domestic mission to the presbyterian missionary society of N.C.

= Other funds. Mr Huntington reported that he had
261. received for the Contingent fund $8.00 — Mr. Doug-
269. lass reported for the Commissioners fund
265. $110.95.; and for the Princeton Southern professorship, $55.- The committee appointed to report the state of the treasury, stated that Mr Hatch, the treasurer was absent, & consequently they could not act. Whereupon, resolved that Mr. Hatch be directed to forward his accounts to the Stated Clerk, as

soon as practicable.

129. Candidates. Mr. Philip Pearson, and Mr. George
129. Ferrill were introduced to presbytery, as candi-
161. dates for the gospel ministry; after being ex-
amined on their acquaintance with experi-
mental religion, and their views in seeking
the ministry, they were received for trial.
Both the candidates were then examined on Eng-
lish grammar, Arithmetic, pure mathematics,
and the Latin language. Mr. Pearson was fur-
ther examined on Geography, and the Greek of
the New Testament; and Mr. Ferrill on Algebra, logic,
and natural and moral philosophy.

113 Mr. Patterson, another candidate, was examined on
129. natural and moral philosophy also. All which ex-
aminations the presbytery sustained as parts of
trial.

97. Mr. Robert D. Russell, a candidate for licensure, was
139. examined on english grammar, the hebrew lan-
guage, natural and revealed theology, ecclesias-
tical history, the sacraments, and church govern-

ment. Mr. Russell also read an exegesis, in latin,
on the question, Duis est usus et abusus doctrinæ providentiæ.
and a popular sermon on Luke 13: 24. "Strive to
enter &c."; all which were sustained, and it
was resolved that Mr Russell be licensed to-
morrow evening.

105. Mr. Nehemiah H. Harding, a candidate
139. for ordination, was examined on polemic theolo-
gy, and read a sermon on Luke 8: 43-48. "And
a woman having an issue of blood &c." both which
were sustained.

The following subjects for trial compositions,
88.
97. were assigned to the candidates. To Mr. A.
Wilson, the 1st Psalm, and Rom. 8. 16, as the sub-
jects for a lecture and a popular sermon.

128. To Mr. Patterson for an Exegesis, "Quomodo pec-
catum originale transmittitur in posteros?"

128. To Mr Pearson, for an Exegesis, "An detur
homini liberum arbitrium?"

128 To Mr. Ferrill, for an Exegesis, "An in Eu-
charistia detur totalis conversio substan-

lice panis et vini, in corpus [in corpus] et sanguinem Christi?" For a critical exercise, Joshua 10: 12–14. For a lecture, Psalm 24th.— For a popular sermon I Tim: 1: 15.—

Free conversation. The afternoon was devoted to the free conversation on the state of religion within the bounds of this presbytery; and to the semi-annual meeting of the Temperance Society.

Houses of Worship. The presbytery, believing
246. the character of church buildings to be close-
167. ly connected with the edification, as well as the comfort of worshipping assemblies, resolved that a committee be appointed, to be called "the committee on church buildings", whose duty it shall be to ascertain the number, location, materials, size, cost, time of dedication, and number of sittings for whites & for blacks, of the presbyterian houses of worship within our bounds; and also, on application, to furnish congregations with plans,

estimates of expence &c. of such buildings, and that he report in writing at each stated meeting of the presbytery. Mr Douglas was appointed that committee.

122- Call. The committee, to whom was referred
156. the call of the Raleigh congregation to the Rev. Mr Hunt, made a report which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows. "The committee recommend the adoption of the following minute: A document was laid before presbytery, by the Rev. Mr Plumer, purporting to be a call from the congregation in Raleigh to the Rev. Mr Hunt to become their pastor, which was deemed to be not strictly of the nature of a call, inasmuch as the congregation is only bound by it to contribute to the support of the pastor for 12 months. Therefore, resolved, that said document be returned to the congregation, as the discipline of our church does not recognize an installation for a limited period. If it should be the wish of the congre-

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gation to bind themselves for a permanent support to their intended pastor, the presbytery will, as soon as possible, take the necessary steps for his installation." A copy of the above minute was directed to be sent to the congregation.

Sent May 15. 1829.

122 The Rev. E. Mitchell appeared and took his seat.
136 His reasons for absence from former sessions were sustained.

Adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer by Mr. Mitchell.

Saturday, 8 Oclock, April 18. 1829.

The presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the moderator. Present as before. The minutes of yesterday were read.

= State of religion. After some partial examinations of candidates, the committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion

within our bounds, made a report which was accepted, amended and adopted, and is, substantially, as follows. "In reviewing the state of their congregations the presbytery find rather more than ordinary cause for gratitude and encouragement; but they see much also which ought deeply to distress both them and their people. In some churches there is evidently more of religious prosperity than formerly, but in others, if there is any change, it is for the worse. The number of our churches is 34, containing just 1500 members, giving an average of 44 to each. Of those, 150 were added the last year. Seven of those churches are returned as vacant, but four of them are now, or very soon will be supplied with ministerial labor. The remaining three contain only 27 members, all of whom, it is believed, can attend the public worship of congregations in their neighborhood. It is pleasant to see our vacancies so nearly filled up.

The number of our ordained ministers is 26, of whom 7 are installed pastors, over 11 congregations. Of the remaining 19. eleven are serving 16 of our congregations, as supplies. Four are connected in the same way with congregations without our bounds; and four are not connected with any organized congregation, but preach as they have opportunity. Three of our number have been dismissed during the last year, and six others have been received.

Of licentiates, and candidates for the ministry, a year ago, there were 7. Four candidates have been since received; one candidate has been licensed; two licentiates have been ordained, and one has been removed by death. The number of licentiates, now under our care, is two; of candidates six.

About ten of our congregations have engaged to support as many young men, of proper character, who have not funds

of their own, in preparing for the ministry. This is encouraging.

It is also encouraging that our members generally, according to the most common standard of the present age, act like christians; that there is an increase of interest in the work of supplying every family in the state with a Bible; that the cause of temperance seems to be gaining upon public opinion; that religious periodical papers have had an increased circulation; that the Union Theological Seminary is going on towards its full complement of books, buildings, teachers and pupils, and will soon, it is hoped, send forth its streams over all this land.

It is still more encouraging that in the congregations of Hawfields and Cross Roads, the Lord has been pleased to pour out his spirit, in his convincing and converting operations, very abundantly. The usual means were employed, and blessed. About 60

have been added to those churches.

But it is most encouraging of all that we have still a Great High Priest, over the house of God, who is able, and, when we prepare his way, is ready to do, for all our churches, exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

132. Absentees. Mess. Weatherby, W. Paisly, Witherspoon, Goodrich, Pickard, Currie, Neil, Jn°. Paisly, and Walton, obtained leave of absence after this morning sessions: and Mess. Hollister, Graham, S. Paisly, Mitchell, Carruthers, and Downy after to-night.

91. 156. Supplies. The Committee of supplies made the following report which was accepted and adopted: Lexington to be supplied two sabbaths. by W. Paisly and Mr. Carruthers. Caswell Poor House 2 serm. Mr. Pickard. 3. Carmel One Sabb Mr. Penick Holbisster. 4 Harmony one Sab. Mr. Hollister. 5. Johnson Cy, two sab. Dr. McPheeters. 6. Pittsboro, two sab. Dr. Caldwell, & Mr. Mitchell. 7. Randolph

County, one sab. Mr. Currie, and S. Paisly. 8. Bath and Plymouth, one sab. each, Mr. Weatherby. 9. Rockingham County, two sab. Mr. Pickard and S. Paisly. 10. Halifax, one sab. Mr. Neil. 11. Orange Poor House, three serm. Mr. Witherspoon, Currie, and S. Paisly. 12. Bethlehem, two sab. Dr. Caldwell and Mr. Mitchell. 13 South parts of Granville, two sab. Mr. Smith. Other brethren are expected to preach one or 2 sabbaths, or sermons, for destitute places, at discretion.

The following resolution, in reference to supplies, was presented and adopted. Resolved that a standing committee be appointed, to be called "The Committee of supplies", whose duty it shall be to acquaint themselves with vacancies, and unoccupied places, within our bounds, which ought to receive aid, and to report the supplies for them, and also to report on the result of our previous appointments.

179. Resolved that Mess. Labaree, Graham

and Smith, with M. Smith and Downy Elders, be that committee, and that they report in writing, at each stated meeting.

126= Delegates. The following resolution was adopted respecting delegates: viz. That it is the duty of our delegates to the General Assembly to attend diligently on all its sessions from the commencement to the close, and that, in case of failure so to attend, one dollar per day be deducted from the sum allowed for travelling escpences, subject still to such excuses as the presbytery may feel able to sustain.

Resolved, also, that it is the duty of delegates to have all the members and licentiates of presbytery, furnished with the minutes of the General Assembly, and with all reports and papers which may be important to their brethren at home, and which their attendance may enable them to obtain; to make arrangements, as far as possible, for the supply of

our congregations with libraries, tracts, Sabbath School books, session books &c.; to obtain missionaries for the state; and in all practicable ways to represent, and to promote the religious interests of the ministers and churches which send them.

Resolved that they report at the next stated meeting of presbytery, after their mission, and in writing.

= Mr. Daniel A. Allen, an Elder from Bethesda, appeared, and took his seat.

= The presbytery then had a recess that the Education society might meet.

= Licensure and Ordination. At 7 o'clock P.M. Mr.
128. Robert D. Russell was licensed to preach the
129= gospel: and Mr. Harding was ordained, as
130. an Evangelist, to the whole work of the gospel ministry, in the usual form. Mr Labaree preached the ordination sermon; Mr Hollister presided; and made the ordaining prayer; Mr. S. Baily gave the charge. Mr. Harding

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then took his seat as a member of presbytery. Mr Russell, received, in the licensure service, the usual present of a Bible.

95 = 142 Sabbath. Mr Labaree preached a sermon, according to appointment, on the law of the sabbath. Mr Hunt was appointed to preach on the same subject at the next stated meeting, and Mr Graham was appointed his alternate.

The presbytery then adjourned to meet at the same place, on monday next at 8 o'clock A.M. Concluded with prayer by Mr Douglas.

Monday April 20.1829.

The presbytery met according to adjournment. The Moderator being absent, Mr Hunt was appointed Moderator pro tem. Opened with prayer. Present Messrs Labaree, Montgomery, Douglas, Hunt, Allen, Plumer, Gay, Smith and Harding, with the Mess Allen Ross & Lewis Elders. The minutes of the former sessions were read,

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amended, and approved. The presbytery then had a recess that the Temperance Society might meet. Several resolutions were offered and passed, viz.

Minutes published. That the stated Clerk be a committee to report on the subject of printing our minutes, in pamphlet form, so as to be bound, circulated & preserved in all our churches.

76. American Board. That the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions be requested to hold their Anniversary for 1830 in Richmond, Va.

100 Devotional Exercises. That the morning of the second day of the stated sessions of Presbytery be spent in devotional exercises.

Thanks. That the thanks of the Presbytery be returned to the citizens of Danville, for their hospitality on this occasion.

Meetings of Presbytery. That a committee be appointed to report the possibility & the means of rendering the 158 meetings of Presbytery more profitable to the congregations where they are held. Mess. Hunt, Douglas & Plumer, were appointed.

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140. Sabbath. That it be enjoined on every minister of this Presbytery to preach a sermon to his people on the observance of the sabbath, before the next meeting of Presbytery; and also a sermon on the subject of Sab. Schools.

100. Conference. The business of the Presbytery being done,
155. the devotional exercises, for which part of the day had been set apart, commenced. The meeting was opened with the 30th of Village Hymns, and a prayer by Mr Hunt. The subject proposed at the last Presbytery "When does a minister deserve the name of a wicked minister?" was remarked upon at length, to the profiting, it is hoped, of all. For our next semi-annual conference, the following question was proposed: "What is necessary in order to a more flourishing state of religion in our congregations, all and severally?"

The minutes having been read and approved, the Presbytery was adjourned to meet at the Union Theological Seminary, on the 5th May next. Concluded with prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

J. W. Douglas. Stated Clerk.

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Union Theological Seminary
May 5. 1829.

The presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present Mr Hollister, Moderator, Mr Graham, Mr Douglas, Mr Plumer, Mr Goodrich, and Mr James Daniel, Elder. Mr Plumer acted as Clerk.

Mr Daniel Lindley, and Mr Alex: A. Mebane were introduced as candidates for the gospel ministry. After hearing a statement of their religious views and feelings, and their motives in seeking the ministry, the Presbytery received them for trial.

To Mr Lindley was assigned, for an exegesis, the question, 2uomodo fit mors Christi propitiatio? And to Mr Mebane, 2uis sit concursus Dei cum peccato? Mr Lindley was also directed to prepare a critical essay on Matth 4: 1—11. and Mr Mebane another on Matth 11: 16—19.

The Presbytery was then adjourned to meet at Rawfields Church on the 7th October, next, at 12 o'clock. Concluded with prayer. J. W. Douglas. Stated Clerk.

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144. Annual report of the Presbytery of Orange

Ministers No	Names		Churches No	Names.
1.	Wm. Peisly	S.S.	1.	Bethel
	"	S.S	2.	Greensboro.
2.	E. B. Currie	P	3.	Hawfields
	" "	P.	4.	Cross Roads
3.	Wm. McPheeters DD.	WC.		Teacher of youth in Raleigh
4.	Jos. Caldwell DD.	S.S.	5.	Chapel Hill
5.	Joseph Labaree	P.	6.	Oxford
6.	Saml. Paisly	P.	7.	Eno.
	"—	P	8.	Little River.
	-	S.S.	9.	Greears
7.	John Witherspoon	P.	10.	Hillsboro
8.	John H. Pickard.	S.S	11.	Bethesda
	"	S.S	12	Haw River
	"	S S	13	Stony Creek
9.	Elijah Graves	S.S.	14	New Hope
	"	S S.	15	Bethlehem
10.	Lemuel D. Hatch —	W.C.		Duplin County
11.	Elisha Mitchell	W.C.		Prof. in the Univer N.C
12.	Ed. Hollister —	W.C.		Teacher of Youth

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Members			Baptisms		Collections.				
Addns Exc:	Add: Cert	Total	Ad.	In.	Missions	Commis.	The. Sem.	Edu:	Total
3.	"	38.	1.	4.	" —	6. "	" —	" —	6. "
1.	"	14.	"	"	" —	6. "	10. —	" —	16. "
41.	1.	130.	6.	8.	" —	5. "	" —	3.20	8.20
20.	"	138.	12.	10.	" —	1.30.	" —	3.20	4.50
"	"	20	"	"	" —	10. "	" "	11. "	21. "
"	4.	24.	"	1.	" —	6. "	20. "	5. "	31. "
10.	"	88.	5.	6.	" "	4.65	" "	4.52	9.17
"	"	53.	"	2.	" "	2.80.	" "	1.75	4.55
"	"	33	"	"	" "	" "	" "	8.15	8.15
1.	2.	53.	"	7.	" "	23. "	" "	" "	23. "
4.	"	79.	2	6.	" "	" "	" "	2.25	2.25
"	"	34.	"	"	" "	.90	" "	2.50	3.40
2.	"	39.	"	9.	" "	2.75	" "	2.20	4.95
"	"	20.	"	"	" "	" "	" "	1.30	1.30
"	"	24	"	"	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
"	"	"	"	"	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
"	"	"	"	"	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
"	"	"	"	"	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "

Ministers No	Names		Churches no	Names
13.	Sam. L. Graham	P.	16.	Nutbush
"	"	P.	17.	Upper Creek
14	Eli. W. Caruthers	P.	18	Buffalo
"	"	P.	19.	Allemance
15	A. D. Montgomery	S.S.	20.	Danville
16.	I. W. Douglas	W.C		Evan:- Agent U.J. Sem
17.	Jas. Weatherby	P	21.	Washington
18.	Dan. A. Penick	S.S.	22	Milton
"	"	S.S	23	Bethany
19.	Wm Neil	S.S.	24	Murfreesboro
20.	D. C. Allen	W.C		At Tarboro, Missionary
21.	Wm. S. Plumer	W.C.		Evangelist
22.	Thomas P. Hunt	S.S.	25	Raleigh
23.	Hiram P. Goodrich	W.C.		Prof. Un. Theo. Sem
24.	Abner W. Gay	S.S.	26.	Warrenton
25.	Sam. H. Smith	S.S.	27	Spring Grove
26	N. H. Harding	W.C		
			28.	Newbern V.
			29.	Carmel V.

Members			Baptisms		Collections				
Ex.	Cer.	Total	Ad.	In.	Mission	Commn.	Sem.y	Edu:-	Total
"	"	116.	"	4.	43.50	8.50	32. "	12.50	96.50
5.	"	59.	1.	5.	48.50	8.50	75. "	12.50	144.50
2	"	64.	"	"	" "	8. "	" "	" "	8. "
"	"	72	.	4.	" "	7.25	" "	" "	7.25
8.	1.	47.	5.	1.	20. "	10. "	9. " P	53.75.	92.75
"	"	"	"	"	1. "	" "	17. " P	2. "	20. "
9.	2.	59.	2.	5.	" "	20. "	" "	" "	20. "
19.	1.	35	10.	7.	30.29.	3. "	62.50.	7.25	96. "
1.	"	24	"	"	" "	" "	1. " P	" "	1. "
"	"	10	"	"	" "	" "	4.50 W	" "	4.50
"	"	"	"	"	" "	" "	2.25 P	" "	2.25
"	"	"	"	"	" "	" "	15. " P	" "	15. "
4.	4.	23.	1.	1.	" "	10. "	5. " W	" "	15. "
"	"	"	"	"	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
3.	"	17.	1.	10	" "	5.30	10. "	14.12	29.42
2	"	19.	"	3.	180. "	5. "	" "	5. "	190. "
"	"	"	"	"	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
"	"	68.	"	"	" "	" "	16.50.	34.60.	51.10
"	"	8	"	"	" "	" "	2. "	2.75	4.75
135.	15.	1501	46.	92.	323. .	153.95.	281.75.	189.54	948.24

30. Lexington V. 7 mem. 31. Red House. V. 38. mem
32. Greenspring V. 15. 33 Harmony V. 7.
34. Mt Hermon V. 5. Total members 1500.

The presbytery moreover report the following dismissions and accessions of ministers &c &c

II. Dismissions, 1. by removal. The Rev. Stephen Frontis to the presbytery of Concord. Nov 1. 1828. — Rev. Thos. Lynch to the pres: of West Tennessee, Nov 5. 1828. — Rev. John Knox to the pres. of Winchester Apl 16. 1829.

2. by death. Mr E. Logan, a licentiate, was removed by death, August 14. 1828, at Greenville Va. Aged 28. A student of Princeton Sem.

II. Accessions. 1 by removal. The Rev. Daniel A. Penick from the pres. of Hanover, Oct 30. 1828. — The Rev. A. W. Gay from the pres. of Fayetteville Nov 5. 1828. — Rev. Thos. P. Hunt from the pres. of Hanover and the Rev. Abram P. Goodrich from the pres. of Albany April 16. 1829. — 2. by ordination. Mr. S. H. Smith, at Spring Grove, Dec 13. 1828. — Mr. N. Harding, at Danville April 18. 1829.

III. Churches. Providence, Granville County,

was dissolved, and the members directed to unite with the church of Oxford.

IV. Licentiates. 1. John Chavis, a black, in Wake Cy. 2 Mr Robert D. Russell, a missionary.

V. Candidates. 1. Rob. N. Patterson, a teacher of youth. 2 Alex. Wilson, ditto. 3. Philip Pearson, ditto. — 4 Geo. Ferrill, ditto. 5 Daniel Lindly, and 6 Alexr A. Mebane, at the N. Theo. Sem.

Recapitulation.

Ministers 26. Licentiates 2. Candidates 6. —
Churches 34. Mem: added 150. Total mem. 1500.
Baptisms 138. Missions Collec. $323. Commis. 153.95
Theo. Sem. $281.75. Education. $189.54. Total $948.24

Dated Roanoke Bridge, May 15. 1829.

James W. Douglas. State Clk

Hawfields 7th Oct: 1829.

Wednesday 12 Oclock.

The presbytery of Orange met, according to adjournment, and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened, with a sermon, by the Rev. William McPheeters D.D. on Ps 143. 2. "Enter not into judgment &c", after which the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

1. The following members being present. viz.

Rev. William Paisly (2nd day)	Elders
" E. B. Currie.	James McBane
" Wm McPheeters D.D.	
" Joseph Labaree	S. K. Sneed (2nd day)
" Saml. Paisley	James Clark
" John Witherspoon	
" Elijah Graves	
" Saml. L Grahaw	Alexr. Wilson (2nd day)
" Eli W. Caruthers (2nd day)	Lindsey (3rd day)
" A. D. Montgomery.	
" J. W. Douglass	Dr. H. P. Allison, Harmony.
" Danl. A. Penick.	M. P. Huntington
" Wm L. Plumer	J. Moore, Stony Creek.

Rev. Tho. P Hunt. Wm Morrow, Bethlehem. (2nd day.)

" S. A. Smith

" Sidney Weller, (received afterwards.)

Note(4): ~~Appeared second day~~.

The following ministers were absent. Dr J Caldwell, J. H. Pickard, I. D Hatch, E. Mitchell, E. Hollister, Weatherby, Neil, Allen, Goodrich, Gay, and Harding.

2. The Rev Wm S. Plumer was chosen moderator, and the Rev W Penick and W Hunt temporary clerks.

3 The minutes of the last meetings were read.

4 Absentees. Dr McPheeters, Mr Graves, & Mr Penick assigned reasons for their absence from the last meetings of Presbytery, which were sustained. Mr Hollister, by letter, assigned reasons for his absence from this meeting, which were sustained. Papers no 20.

5. New members. The Rev. Sidney Weller presented a certificate of dismission from the Associate Reformed Presbytery of New York, and requested to be received as a member of this presbytery.

The Rev. Michael Osborn forwarded by letter, a certificate of dismission from the presbytery of Elizabethtown, accompanied by the same request. Mr Keller &. Mr Osborn were received. Papers No 19, & 22.

30 6. Dismissions. The Rev. Darius C. Allen, requested by letter, a dismission from this presbytery, with the view of connecting himself with the presbytery of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Allen was dismissed. Papers 21.

7. Committees. The following committees were appointed. (1.) On the meeting of benevolent Societies, during the present Sessions, Messs Currie, Mc Pheeters, and
169. Atkinson. (2) On the Contingent fund of Presbytery, the contingent fund of Synod, and the collection for the Stated Clerk of Synod; Mr. Huntington.
160. (3) On benevolent institutions. Mr Graham & Mr Hunt.
(4) Mr. Douglass was appointed temporary treasurer.
158 (5) On the minutes of the last General Assembly Mr Montgomery & Mr Labaree.
159. (6) Messs Mc Pheeters, Graham, and Witherspoon were appointed to inquire into the constitutionality of the late meeting of this presbytery at the Union

Seminary.

8. Treasurer.

(7.) Messs Mc Pheeters, Caldwell, Hunt, and Peace were appointed to settle the accounts of the late treasurer, Mr Mitchell, in the place of a committee appointed 28th Sep 1827. p 44.

122. Mr Douglass, treasurer pro. tem. of the last meeting, reported. The report was received, & ordered to be recorded, and is as follows. Viz.

Dr. J. W. Douglass, treas: pro. tem.

1829. In acct with Orange Presbytery Cr.

April. To this sum recd for the Southern professorships	55. "	By cash paid Mr Isaac Snowden, Treas: Mr Graham for the S. Profes: p. rec.	55. "
" Cash recd for the Commis. fund, including $10. from Chapel Hill, sent to Mr Graham, Phil.	120.95	" Cash paid Mr Graham & Mr Plumer, Commis: to the Gen: Assembly	120.95
" Cash recd for the Contingent fund	8. "	" Cash paid for a Bible for Mr Rob. D. Rufsel	3. -
		" Bal. due the Contingent fund	8. "
	$183.95		$183.95

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Several candidates were examined.

9. Sabbath. # Mr. Penick was appointed to preach on the
Temperance. law of the Sabbath, at the next Stated
Sabb. Sch: meeting of Presbytery, and Mr. Hunt was
appointed his alternate..... On inquiry it was
found that the ministers, generally, had preach-
ed, as directed at the last meeting, on the sub-
ject of the due observance of the Sabbath, and of
Sabbath Schools..... It was, in the same con-
nexion, Earnestly recommended to all the church-
es under the care of this Presbytery, to form Temper-
ance societies within their bounds as soon as
practicable, & to circulate the Journal of Humanity.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow
morning, at 9 O Clock. Concluded with
prayer.

Mr. Hunt preached on the Law of the
Sabbath, as appointed at the last
meeting.

Hawfields 8th Oct. 1829.

Thursday morning 9 O Clock

The Presbytery met, according to adjournment,
and was opened with prayer. Present as before.

Devotion.
142.10. Agreeably to a standing rule, adopted at the last
160. meeting, several hours were spent in devotional exer-
cises, and in conference on the question, "What is
necessary to a more flourishing state of religion
in our congregations?" after which the Presbytery at-
tended to some public services in behalf of the Ed-
ucation Society.

Blanks. Mr. Douglass presented ~~a~~ printed form of dis-
mission for church members, which was committed
to Dr. McSheeters, and Dr. Atkinson, who, after exc-
amining, recommended that the Presbytery
purchase the blanks, and that each congre-
gation be requested to take at least 10 copies.

Absentees. Mr. S. R. Sneed, a ruling Elder from the
church of Oxford; Mr. Wm. Morrow, a ruling Elder
from Bethlehem; The Rev. Wm. Paisly, and the Rev.
E. W. Caruthers, appeared in presbytery, & took
their seats. Their reasons for tardiness were sustained.

131.-12. Call. A letter was read from the Church of Ra=
leigh, requesting the ministerial services of the
Rev. M. Hunt, for one year, as a stated sup=
ply. The request was granted. Papers No 23.

13b. 13. Supplies. The com: of supplies reported as follows,
That M'Currie preach in Randolph the 5th Sab. Nov.
" S. Paisly ... 2 Sabbaths in Stokes.
" W. Paisly ... 1 Sab. in Germantown.
" D. M'Sheeters ... 2 Sab. in Smithfield in Feb.
" M'Graves ... 1 Sab. at Green Spring.
" M'Pickard ... the last Sab. of Dec. in Surry.
" M'Witherspoon 1 Sab at Harmony.
" M'Graham 1 Sab. at Spring Grove, & 2 in Mecklenburg Va
" M'Hollister 1 Sab. in the neighborhood of Banks Chapel.
" M'Douglass 2 Sab. in Granville.
" M'Weatherby 2 Sab. below Washington.
" M'Neil 1 Sab. at Pitch landing.
" M'Bom 1 Sab. at Trenton.
" M'Weller in Halifax at discretion.
" M'Montgomery 3 Sab. at Scaksville.
" M'Caruthers 1 Sab at Lexington, & admin. the Sact.

Several candidates were examined in part,
until the presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow
morning, at 9 O'Clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday. 9 O'Clock.

The presbytery met according to adjournment,
and was opened with prayer. Present as before.

14. Next meeting. The presbytery resolved that they
would hold their next semi-annual meeting in
Hillsboro, to commence on Tuesday night, the
20th April 1830, at 7 O'Clock.

15. Absentees. D. M'Sheeters submitted the follow=
ing minute which was adopted as a standing
rule of the presbytery. At each stated meeting
the moderator shall call on all ministers present,
who are marked as absentees, to state their reasons
for any previous failures to attend; he shall then
inquire if any member wishes to remark on the
reasons offered, and if an expression of disappro=
bation is called for by any case, (such) remarks or
motion (shall as) refer to that case may seem to require

shall be made. If no motion be made, the question of sustaining the reasons offered, or not sustaining, shall not be put by the moderator; and the minute on record shall be in the following or like form.

"The Rev Mess." being called on, rendered to presbytery reasons for not attending the last or former stated sessions of presbytery.

16. Mt. Hermon. Mess. Witherspoon, J. Paisly, and
187. Clark Elder, were appointed to visit the church of Mt Hermon, and, if possible, bring it into a more flourishing condition.

141 17. Meetings of Pres: The committee appointed to report on the means of rendering the meetings of Presbytery more profitable, reported in part, & were continued.

152 18. Minutes Gen: Ass. The com: on the minutes of the general Assembly reported that they found nothing requiring special notice. The report was accepted, and the com: discharged.

19. The poor. Inquiry was made to ascertain if any of the members of our churches are public paupers.

There were none.

20. Funds. Mr Huntington reported for the contingent fund $6.85. For the contingent fund of Synod $1.50. and for the Stated Clerk of Synod $7.50. ... Mr. Douglass received for the Southern Professorship $74. ... Mr Plumer rec^{d} for the Education Society. $345.87.

152 21. Meeting in Pr. Ed: The com: appointed to inquire into the constitutionality of a meeting of this presbytery held at the Union Seminary, reported that "the constitution of the church is silent on the question submitted to them. The com: therefore cannot say that the meeting referred to was unconstitutional, but they are of opinion that the appointment was of doubtful propriety, and recommend that none of a like kind be made until the opinion of the Synod or of the Gen. Assembly shall be had on the subject.

22. Book com: The agent of the N.C. Book com^{n} reported that in the two years which have elapsed since its organization. it has received and paid out; principally for books, about $1600. —

The report was accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

23. State of Religion. Dr. McPheeters, W. Paisley, & Weatherby were appointed a committee to give an account to Synod of the state of religion in this presbytery.

" 24. Bible cause. The com: on benevolent institutions reported, and the report, being amended, was adopted, & is as follows. The presbytery have heard, with great pleasure, of the resolution, by the Amer: Bib. Society, to supply every destitute family in the U. S, with a copy of the scriptures, within two years, and earnestly recommend to all their members an active and immediate co-operation with other friends of the Bible, in this work. They further recommend that every minister preach a sermon, forthwith, on the duty of christians on this subject. That the 18th. of November next be set apart as a day of special prayer to God for his blessing on the Bible Cause. And that delegates from the different churches be sent to the Bible convention to be holden in Raleigh on the 18th. Novr. next.

155 25. Conference. The following question was chosen as

a subject for conversation at the next stated meeting. viz. "What are the hindrances to the growth of christians generally, & especially of ministers, in personal piety.?"

128. 26. Candidates. 1. Mr George Ferill read a lecture on the 24th. Psalm. An exegesis on the theme "An in eucharistia detur totalis conversio substantiæ panis et vini, in corpus et sanguinem Christi?" A critical exercise on Joshua 10: 12–14. And a popular Sermon on I Tim. 1: 15, all which were sustained as parts of trial. Mr. Ferill was also examined on Natural & Revealed Theology, on Ecclesiastical history, and church government, all which were sustained.

2. Mr. Alexander Wilson read a critical exercise on Gal: 4: 22–31.; A lecture on the 24th Psalm; & A popular sermon on James 2: 17. He was also examined on Natural philosophy, Ecclesiastical History, Natural & revealed Theology, all which were sustained as parts of trial. And on the night of the 8th. Inst., after sermon, Mr. Ferill & Mr. Wilson were licensed,

according to the prescribed form, to preach the Gospel.

(3) Mr. Philip Pearson was examined on Natural & moral Philosophy, and read an exegesis on the theme; "An detur homini liberum arbitrium"? Which were sustained as parts of trial. Mr. P. was then directed to prepare a critical exercise on Matth: 2:17,18, and a lecture on Luke 10:30-37. # note on next page.

(4) Mr. Rob. N. Patterson was examined on Natural & Revealed Theology, & Ecclesiastical History. The examination was not sustained. Mr. P. read an exegesis on the theme "Quomodo peccatum originale transmittitur in posteros?", which was sustained as a part of trials. Mr. P. was then directed to prepare a lecture on Matth 13:1-9. and a popular sermon on Heb 12:1.

(5) Mr. Daniel Lindly was directed to prepare a lecture on Eph 2:1-8. and a popular sermon on 1 John 3:7 last clause.

(6) Mr. Alex: A. Mebane was directed to prepare a lecture on Prov: 1: 24-30, and a popular

sermon on Rom: 8:7

(7) Mr. Joseph J. Gray was introduced to presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry. After Examination as to his acquaintance with experimental religion, and his views in seeking the ministry, Mr. Gray was received as a candidate. Mr G. was also examined on English Grammar, Ancient & modern Geography, Mathematics, astronomy, Natural philosophy, and the Latin and Greek Languages, all which were sustained as parts of trial. Mr G. was directed to prepare an Exegesis on the question; "An sit Filius æqualis Deo patri"?

(8) Mr. William Paisly Forest was introduced as a candidate for the ministry. The presbytery being satisfied as to his church membership, personal piety, & motives in desiring the ministry received Mr Forest as a candidate. Mr F. was examined on English Grammar, & the Examination sustained. #Last page. And a popular sermon on Rom: 8:1.

Hawfields 9th Oct 1829.

A letter was received from the Rev W Pick. and assigning reasons for his absence from the present meeting which were sustained.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer. Paper 24.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock, 10th Oct.

The presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present as before.

27. Usury. The following resolutions on the subject of usury were offered and adopted. "Whereas circumstances seem to render it necessary that this presbytery should repeat to the congregations under their care the warning given on a former occasion against the practice of extortion and usury, in their various forms, and especially against that form of usury commonly denominated shaving; therefore resolved that, in the opinion of this presbytery, this practice is too plain and gross a violation of the letter, and whole spirit, of

christianity to be tolerated in our churches. Resolved that it be, and it hereby is, recommended to all our ministers to preach to their congregations on this subject. Resolved that a member of this presbytery be appointed to preach on this subject at their next stated meeting.

In accordance with the last resolution the Rev Mr Douglass was appointed to preach on the subject of Usury at the next meeting
179. of the presbytery, and the Rev. Dr Caldwell was appointed his alternate.

28. Southern professorship. The subject of the southern professorship was called up. In the absence of the Treasurer Mr Douglass submitted the following statement as probably correct.

Due Nov 8. 1828,	$509.63¾	$509.63¾
Cash from Dr Rice	$10.	
May. Cash paid J. Snowden Esq^r^ by J.W. Douglass treas. pro. tem.	55.	65.
Now due		$444.63¾

Hawfields 10th Oct. 1829.

The following sums were received on this acct.

Red House, by Mr Walton,	5. "
J. Witherspoon, J. Labaree, }	
S. A. Smith, S. L. Graham @ 1. each }	4. "
W. S. Plumer	10. "
Th. P. Hunt	10. "
J. A. Smith	10. "
D. A. Penick	5. "
Milton	20. "
Danville	5. "
Bethlehem	5. "
Cash rec'd 10th Oct. 1829.	$74. " —

And the following pledges were made.

Oxford, by J. K. Sneed	5. "
New Hope, E. Graves	5. "
Cross Roads, J. Mebane	10. "
Stony Creek, Mr Moore	5. "
Eno, Mr. Paisley	5. "
Harmony, Dr. Atkinson	5. "
	$35. —
Messrs. Weller & Gray	20.
	$55. —

127. 29. Delegates to Gen. A. — The delegates to the last General Assembly, reported Messrs Graham & Plumer reported that they attended the meeting of that body, Mr. Graham all the time, and Mr Plumer all but days; that the meeting was interesting, but for the details of business the Presbytery are referred to the minutes; that they obtained an appropriation from Dr Bondinotts legacy to the library of Spring Grove, amounting to $, and rendered such other services to the churches of the presbytery as were in their power. The report was accepted.

130. 30. Church Buildings. Mr. Douglass, the committee on church buildings reported, as follows. "There are in the presbytery of Orange 34 Organized churches, containing 1500 members. These churches own 33 houses for public worship, located as follows.

In Orange ... 10. Hillsboro, Hawfields, Cross Roads, Eno, Little River, Stony Creek, Bethlehem, New Hope, Green Spring, Mt Hermon.
Caswell 6. Red St., Bethany, Gilead, Greens, Milton, Bethesda.
Granville 5. Grassy Cr: Shiloh, Nutbush, Oxford, Spring Grove.

Hawfields 10th Oct. 1829.

Guilford 3. Buffalo, Allemance, Bethel.
Halifax 2 Harmony, Carmel.
Rockingham 2. Haw River, Speedwell.
Pittsylvania Va. 1. Danville.
Craven — 1. Newbern.
Beaufort 1 Washington.
Wake — 1. Raleigh.
Warren — 1. Warrenton. In all 33.

Of these houses 5 are brick, 23 frame, 5 log. Four churches, Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Murfreesboro, and Lexington have no church building; and two churches, Bethany, & Grassy Creek have two buildings each. Speedwell is a house without a church.

The largest houses are those of Raleigh, Hawfields, and Buffalo, which are each 60 by 40 feet. The smallest are those of Haw River, Green Spring, & Mt Hermon, which are 26 & 27 by 20 to 25 feet. The whole will seat 14000 whites & 2000 blacks.

The most expensive were Raleigh $16,000; Newbern $7000; Washington $5000; Buffalo $3000. The

cost of the whole 33 was, within a fraction of, $50,000, averaging for each one $1575. —

Of the 33 houses, 14 have been erected, and of the 34 churches, 11 have been organized since the year 1820.

The 34 churches are supplied with preaching as follows. 6. every Sabbath in the month.
2 three Sabbaths.
16 two Sabbaths.
5 One Sabbath
5 are unsupplied.

From this it will follow that on any given Sabbath there are about 16 houses open, which would contain, if full, about 7000 whites and 1000 blacks, but which would actually contain about 4500 whites and 500 blacks. Therefore the average weekly attendance on public worship in all the churches of Orange presbytery is about 5000, whilst the entire population of 39 counties in N. C. and a section of Va. which the presbytery embraces is about 400,000. —

In that county which is best supplied with

presbyterian preaching, having 10 churches and 7 ministers, there and, it is believed, 500 families without the Bible. To supply it fully with the preaching of the gospel there should, probably, be as many Episcopal, Baptist, & Methodist ministers and churches as there are presbyterian. So probably it might be said of counties which other denominations have most favored: as many ministers and churches of each of the delinquent denominations are needed, in order to the full supply of the given county, as that county contains of the denomination which is most numerous. For the presbytery of Orange then to give that measure of attention to every county within their bounds which they have given to the county of Orange, it would be necessary that they should immediately erect 356 churches, and settle 246 ministers.

In concluding this report the following remarks are thought to be natural and just. 1. The presbytery of Orange, organized at this church on the Sept. 1770 – 59 years ago, has not accomplished all that might have been expected of it.

2. Its ministers cannot afford to spend their time in secular employments.

3. In this presbytery there is room for all the students which Princeton theo: sem: can furnish in the next six years.

4. A young man of qualifications proper for the ministry is more needed, and can probably do more good in that than in any other profession.

31 Report to Synod. The annual report to Synod was made out by the stated clerk, but as it is nearly a copy of that on p 144, it is not inserted.

The presbytery was then adjourned to meet in Fayetteville, at the call of the Moderator, during the sessions of Synod. Concluded with prayer, the chris: doxology, and apos: benedic: – J. W. Douglass. Stated Clerk.

Sixteenth sessions of the Synod
p101. of N. Carolina. Fayetteville 14th
November 1829. Thus far examined,
and approved. John Williamson Mod

Fayetteville. 14th Nov. 1829.

The presbytery met according to adjournment, and, the Moderator being absent, was constituted with prayer by the Revd William McPheeters D.D. Members present. William McPheeters D.D. Sam C Paisley, Saml L. Graham - Samuel Hatch. Thos P. Hunt, N. H. Harding. Eli W. Caruthers, Abner W. Gay, Saml S. Smith, Ministers.

The Revd William McPheeters D. D. was chosen Moderator, pro tem - & The Revd. Thos P. Hunt elerk pro tem.

1. Application for dissolution of pastoral relation & dismission - A letter was received from the Revd Joseph Labaree, requesting that the pastoral relation existing between him & the Church in Oxford be dissolved - & that he be dismissed from this presbytery, & recommended to the presbytery of Columbus in Ohio - whereupon, the Clerk was ordered to summon the congregation to appear at a meeting of this presbytery to be held in Raleigh on the 19th Inst. to shew cause why this request, so far as it relates to them, should not be granted.

2. Call. A call was laid before the presbytery, from the Congregation in Newbern to the Revd McCheane

Osborne to become their Pastor, which was ordered to be put into Mr Osbornes hands; and he having signified his acceptance of the same. It was resolved that a committee be appointed for Installation) installing Mr Osborne on the twelfth day of Sept 1829— This committee to consist of the Revd Thos C Hunt, who is to preach the Sermon— the Revd S. Hatch to Charge the Pastor, & the Revd James Witherby to charge the people. p182.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Raleigh 19th Inst.

Concluded with Prayer

Wm McPheeters Modr

Thos C Hunt Clk pro. tem

Raleigh 19th Novr 1829

Presbytery met according to adjournment— Constituted with prayer, by the Moderator— Members Present, Wm McPheeters, D.D. Josph Caldwell D.D. Saml Paddy, Saml Mc Graham, John Witherspoon Ministers.

1. Deposition of Pastoral relation, & Dismission. The congregation in Oxford

having been cited to shew cause why the pastoral relation existing between them & the Revd Joseph Labaree should not, as he had requested, be dissolved, appeared by their Elders Thos Littleton & Wm Johnston, and consented that Mr Labarees request should be granted Whereupon the pastoral relation existing between them was declared to be dissolved, & the Church in Oxford declared to be, & vacant. Mr Labaree was then dismissed from this Presbytery, & recommended to the Presbytery of Columbus, Ohio.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Hillsboro, on the second Tuesday the 20th of April 1830. & close Pr.

Concluded with Prayer—

Wm McPheeters Modr

Thos C Hunt. Clk. pro. tem

Note. Letter of dismission sent to Mr Labaree, Columbus, Ohio. March 20. 1830.

Hillsboro' 20th April 1830

Tuesday, Seven o'Clock. P. M.

The presbytery of Orange met, according to adjournment; and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich from John 16: 8-11. "And when he is come, he will convince &c." after which the presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev Dr McPheeters. Present

1. Ministers, Wm. Paisley, E. B. Currie, Wm. McPheeters D.D., Jos Caldwell DD, Sam. Paisley, Jn. Witherspoon, J. McPherson Pick- and on Wednesday morning, E. Graves, E. Hollister D.D. Hatch on Thursday morning, Elisha Mitchel on Saturday morning, E. W. Caruthers on Thursday morning, A.D. Montgomery, Michael Osborn, James Weatherby, Daniel A. Penick, Thomas P. Hunt, William Neil, Hiram P. Goodrich, A.W. Gay, Sam H. Smith, and N. H. Harding.

Ruling Elders. James D. Johnson, from Oxford, Samuel Tate from William Tate from William Huntington Hillsboro, James Hart Robert Donnell Buffalo, M. P. Huntington Milton, James W. Paxton Danville, Hugh McAden , John

Neilly. , Dr Elias Hawes Newbern, John McCain , Alex. Wilson Nutbush on Thursday Evening. In all 22 ministers & 13 R. Elders.

Absent, Sam. L. Graham, J. W. Douglass, W. S. Plumer.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'Clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday 21st April. 9 o'Clock A.M.

The presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. Present as before.

2. Dr Joseph Caldwell was chosen Moderator, & M. Osborn and A.W. Gay Clerks.

3. The minutes of the last stated session, and of the adjourned meetings at Fayetteville, and Raleigh were read.

4. Absentees. Dr Caldwell, Messrs Weatherby, Neil, Goodrich, and Gay assigned reasons for their absence from the last stated sessions.

5. The Rev. Daniel Gould, and the Rev. Jesse Rankin of the Presbytery of Concord, being present, were invited to sit, as corresponding members.

= 4 Absentee. A letter was received from the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, which was read, and committed to Messrs. Hunt and Johnson, with instructions to report as soon as convenient. — Mr. Pickard appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

= 6. Committees. The records of the several Church Sessions were referred, for examination, as follows, viz:

Of Hawfields & Cross Roads to Messrs. Weatherby & Johnson.
Little River & Eno to Mess. Gay and Tate.
Hillsboro' to Mess. Harding & Donnell.
New Hope & Bethlehem to Mess. Montgomery & Hart.
Milton to Mess. Smith & W. Huntington.
Raleigh to Mess. Osborn & Paxton.
Murfreesboro to Mess. J. Paisley & Neilly.
Spring Grove to Mess. Currie & Hawes.
Danville to Mess. Graves & McAden.
Newbern to Mess. Neil & Johnson.
Oxford to Mess. Pickard & Tate.
Warrenton to Mess. Hunt & Donnell.
Washington to Mess. Carruthers & Paxton.
Alleman & Buffalo to Mess. Penick & Mr. P. Huntington.

= Messrs. McSheeters, Witherspoon, Penick, and W. Huntington were appointed a committee of arrangements.

= Messrs. Witherspoon and W. Huntington were appointed a Committee to superintend the printing of blank forms of Sessional reports.

= The Committee on the Stated Clerks Letter reported that they had put upon the docket the items of business, mentioned in the said letter, which require the attention of the Presbytery. Their report was accepted.

137. Mr. Harding was appointed a member of the standing Committee of supplies, in the place of Mr. Labarre, removed out of our bounds.

= The Stated Clerk being absent, Messrs. Hunt and Weatherby were directed to prepare & transmit to the General Assembly, the annual presbyterial report.

= Dr. Caldwell, at his request, was excused from the duty assigned him, as alternate of Mr. Douglas,

(p. 165) at the last stated sessions of presbytery.

Mr. McLain obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the presbytery.

Mr. Gould, as agent of the Am. Bible Society, addressed the presbytery on the subject of supplying all the families of these U. S. with the Holy Scriptures.

The presbytery had a recess that the Education Society might have an opportunity of meeting.

Mr Goodrich obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of pres:— As agent of the Union Theo. Sem: Mr Goodrich informed the Presbytery that, during a few weeks past, he had obtained, within the bounds of this presbytery, subscriptions amounting to $840.40, of which he had received in Cash $204.90.—

8. A Call from the Church of Oxford, to the Rev.
139. R. H. Harding, inviting him to become their pastor, was laid before the pres:

bytery; and, being found in order, was put into the hands of Mr Harding. From this decision of the presbytery D. McPheeters & Mr Osborn dissented, on the ground that the Call was not attested, in due form, as prescribed in the book of Discipline, Chap 15, sect 6— Mr. Harding having signified his willingness to accept the Call, it was resolved that he be installed, as pastor of said Church, on Saturday, the 10th of July: that D.r Caldwell preach the sermon, Mr Witherspoon give the Charge to the people, and Mr Currie the Charge to the Minister.

Inquiry was made whether the ministers appointed to supply destitute places, within our bounds, had performed that duty.

Adjourned, to meet to-morrow at 9 o'Clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

The presbytery met, according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present as before. The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Rev Mes Hatch and Carruthers appeared in presbytery and assigned reasons for their late attendance.

The Rev. Asahel Nettleton, of the association of Litchfield North, Conn:, being present was invited to sit as a conesponding member.

9. The committee appointed, p 174. to install the Rev Michael Osborn pastor of the Church of Newbern, reported that the had performed that duty.

10. Next meeting. Resolved that the next stated Sessions of presbytery be held at Greensboro', on Friday, the first of October, at 7 O'Clock P.M.

11. Devotion.

Agreeably to a standing rule, the presbytery spent some time in devotional exercises, and in conference on the question, "What are the hindrances to the growth

of Christians generally, and especially of ministers, in personal piety?"...

The questions for conference at the next stated sessions of Presbytery are the following, viz.

1 What are the best means of exciting a revival of religion in our churches?

2 What are the hindrances to a continued revival?

3. In what light ought we to regard certain practices which have prevailed occasionally within our bounds, such as shouting aloud, many praying and exhorting aloud at the same time, and the unrestrained expression of ~~their~~ emotions both of joy and grief &c?

12. Examination of Candidates.

A resolution submitted by Mr Harding yesterday, and laid on the table, was taken up, and adopted, viz: Resolved that the examination of Candidates be conducted

by four committees, to hold their office for two years; the first two to examine on science & literature, and the last two on theology, Church history &c. Dr McPheeters, Mr Harding and Mr Neil were appointed to divide the Presbytery into examining committees. They presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

"The first Committee, to examine on the English, Latin, Greek, and Hebrew Languages; on Rhetoric; Logic; Modern Biography; and Moral Philosophy, shall consist of Messrs. Graham, Montgomery, Pickard, Hollister, Neil, and Goodrich.

The second committee, to examine on Mathematics; Natural Philosophy; and Astronomy, shall consist of Messrs Witherspoon, Smith, Caldwell Miller, Gay, Osborn, and Mitchell.

The third committee, to examine on Jewish Antiquities; Ancient Geography; Chronology; Church History, and Church

Government; shall consist of Messrs J. Paisley, Graves, Hatch, Carruthers, Hunt, Plumer, and Harding.

The fourth Committee, to examine on Didactic, Polemic, and Pastoral Theology, shall consist of Messrs W. Paisley, Currie, McPheeters, Douglass, Penick, and Weatherby.

13. Church Sessions.

Reports were received from Church sessions and handed over to the Committee appointed to prepare a report to the General Assembly.

The Records of the following sessions were, at the recommendation of the Examining Committees, approved, viz: Oxford, Newburn, Bethlehem, New Hope, Warrenton, Spring Grove, Hillsboro, Little River, Cross Roads, Washington, Raleigh, Allemance, and Hawfields.

14. Southern Professorship.

Received on account of a pledge given last fall from Oxford $5, from Stony Creek $6.67. — The others remain unredeemed.

Hillsboro 22nd April 1830.

Some candidates were examined. page.

Mr A. Wilson, a ruling Elder from Nutbush, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 O. Clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer. —

Friday 23rd April, 9 O'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Present as before. The minutes of yesterday were read.

15. Treasury.

The Committee (page 153) appointed to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, Mr Mitchell, presented their report which was accepted, & is as follows, viz: "The Committee to whom was referred the account of the late Treasurer, Mr Mitchell, report that they have examined said account, and, from the vouchers produced, believe it to be correct. That there was in his hands, the sum of $259.39½

which has been transmitted, through Dr McPheeters, to the Treasurer of the General Assembly." Signed Wm McPheeters, Thos. S. Hunt, Committee. Jos. Caldwell

Dr McPheeters, Messrs Hunt, Douglass, and Wm. Peace were appointed to audit the accounts of the present Treasurer, Mr Hatch, and report at the next stated Sessions of Presbytery.

16. Mount Hermon.

158. The Committee appointed, at the last meeting, (p. 158) to visit the Church of Mount Hermon reported that they had performed that duty, and recommended that the Church be advised to merge itself in the Presbyterian Churches around it. The report was adopted, and the Church is hereby advised accordingly. —

17 Supplies.

The Committee of supplies made their report which was adopted, & is as follows, viz. that

Mr Currie spend one sabbath
Mr Witherspoon } Each at } Mt. Hermon.
Mr. S. Paisley } two weeks } Rockingham, Stokes
Mr Pickard } Each in } and Surry.
Wm. Paisley } One Sabb. }
Mr Cauthers } Each in } Lexington.
Mr Montgomery two sabbaths in Leesville.
Mr. Plumer One week on Dan river above Danville.
Mr Hunt two Sabbaths in Lewisburg.
Mr. Graham One Sab. in Mecklenburg.
Mr. Stitchell two Sab. at New Hope.
Mr. Weatherby one week at Lake Shelps.
Mr. Harding } One Sab
Mr Hollister } Each at. Spring Grove.
Mr Hatch One Sab. at Kingston.
Mr Douglass one Sab. at Warrenton.
Mr Graves One Sab. at Green Spring.
Others at discretion.

18. Delegates to Assembly.

Messrs S. Paisley, C. Mitchell, and M. Osborn ministers, and Messrs. J.D. Johnson, E. Graves, and A. Bardwell Elders were appointed to represent this presbytery in the next General Assembly.

The presbytery spent some time in a free Conversation on the state of religion within its bounds.

Mr Penick obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of presbytery.

There was then a recess that the Education Society might meet.

19. Education. Candidates.

A communication was received from the Education society embracing the following resolutions, viz:

1. Resolved that all the funds and papers of the Education Society be forthwith handed over to the presbytery of Orange.

"2 Resolved that the presbytery of Orange be requested to accept the same; and that the presbytery as such, or by committees appointed for that purpose, do in future conduct and manage the whole business of the Education which has heretofore been managed by the Society."

3 Resolved that the Education Society be forthwith dissolved, and it is hereby dissolved accordingly."

After due consideration, it was resolved that the presbytery accede to the wishes of the Education Society, as Expressed in the second of the above resolutions.

Resolved that a committee be appointed to attend to the general business of the Education of poor and pious youth for the gospel ministry, during the recess of presbytery, and to correspond with the late General Agent of the Education Society, and obtain information from him respecting the pledges already made to beneficiaries, and now existing, for which the Education

fund would be liable before the next stated sessions of presbytery: and that the Committee be empowered to redeem such pledges by draughts upon the Education fund.

Resolved, further, that this committee be, and they are hereby, instructed to make themselves fully acquainted with the circumstances of our candidates, and to make the best arrangements for their continued education, and that they report their proceedings at the next stated sessions of presbytery.

Messrs Graham, Hollister, and Harding ministers, and Johnson, ruling Elder, were appointed this committee.

20. Candidates.

Mr. A. A. Mebane read a critical exercise on Matth. 11: 16-19, and presented a ~~critical~~ Latin exegesis on the theme assigned him, which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. W. P. Forrest was examined on Arithmetic, Geography & Latin, & the examinations sustained.

Mr Forrest was directed to prepare a Latin exegesis on the question, "An Miracula sunt idonea argumenta divinæ missionis?" and to prepare for Examination on the Greek Language.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at half past 8 O'Clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Morning.

April 24. 8½ Clock A. M.

The presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Present as before. The minutes of yesterday were read.

21. Narrative.

Messrs. Hunt and Johnson appointed to prepare a report on the state of religion presented a narrative which was adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly, and from which the following is an extract.

"The congregations of Allemance, Bethel, Washington, Newbern, Bethesda, Greens, Buffalo, & New Hope have enjoyed, more or less, the influences of the Holy Spirit, in his converting power, during the last year. The whole number of additions to our communion is 253 which, tho' small, is greater than in any one, of a number of previous years.

Bible classes, Sabbath Schools, Tract Societies are generally supported. Most of our congregations have united in the effort to supply the State, before May 1831, with the Holy Scriptures. The monthly concert is observed by many. The Colonization Society is regarded with deep interest by some. Two Congregations have Sunday Schools for infants. The Education of Young men for the ministry is a subject of increased, as well as general interest. The abandonment of four distilleries in one ~~County~~ Congregation; the reformation of 20 common drunkards in one County; the diminished

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Mr Forrest was directed to prepare a Latin exegesis on the question; "An Miracula sunt idonea argumenta divinæ missionis?" and to prepare for Examination on the Greek Language.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at half past 8 O'Clock. A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Morning,
April 24. 8 P.M. clock A.M.

The presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Present as before. The minutes of yesterday were read.

21. Narrative.

Messs. Hunt and Johnson appointed to prepare a report on the state of religion presented a narrative which was adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly, and from which the following is an Extract.

"The Congregations of Allemance, Bethel, Washington, Newbern, Bethesda, Greecars, Buffalo, & New Hope have enjoyed, more or less, the influences of the Holy Spirit, in his converting power, during the last year. The whole number of additions to our communion is 253 which, tho' small, is greater than in any one, of a number of previous years.

Bible Classes, Sabbath Schools, Tract Societies are generally supported. Most of our congregations have united in the effort to supply the State, before May 1831, with the Holy Scriptures. The monthly concert is observed by many. The Colonization Society is regarded with deep interest by some. Two Congregations have Sunday Schools for infants. The Education of Young men for the ministry is a subject of increased, as well as general interest. The abandonment of four distilleries in one ~~county~~ Congregation; the reformation of 20 common drunkards in one County; the diminished

use of ardent spirits at elections and elsewhere, shows an advance on the score of temperance.

Yet still there is an amount of unbelief, and unfaithfulness in the church, and of ignorance and vice on every side of it, which calls for deep and general humiliation and prayer.

The Rev. E. Mitchell appeared in presbytery, assigned reasons for his absence from this and former sessions of presbytery, and took his seat.

22. Candidates.

Dr. Caldwell, Dr. McPheeters, Mr. S. Paisly, and Mr. Witherspoon, who had been appointed to confer with candidates, and to arrange any business connected with their education, reported, that, in the judgment of the committee, it was inexpedient to continue Mr. Thomas Mitchell, lately under the care of the Education Society, any longer

on the presbyterial list of beneficiaries.

The committee also recommend that Mr. Robert N. Patterson, one of the candidates of presbytery, particularly on account of his want of health, be advised to relinquish his views to the ministry.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Mr. Alexander Wilson, a licentiate of this presbytery, requested ordination as an evangelist. He was accordingly directed to prepare a sermon on Rom 10:1, and to be at Oxford on Friday the 9th July, ready for his final trials. That, if they be sustained, Dr. Caldwell preside, Mr Penick preach, and Mr. Montgomery give the charge.

Mr. Hunt was requested to purchase six pocket Bibles to be presented to our Candidates, and is hereby authorized to draw on the treasurer of the Presbytery for the funds.

23. Synod.

Resolved that Mr Douglass be authorized to procure a blank book for Presbyterial Records, & to procure the printing of the minutes of the present sessions of presbytery, at their expence. That he be further authorized to draw on the treasurer for six dollars paid by him for printing the minutes of last year, and ten Dollars due to him, as stated Clerk.

Messrs Currie, Mitchell, Pickard, W. Paisly, and S. Paisly obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of presbytery.

The treasurer received for the Contingent fund of presbytery $6.30 ; and for other funds as reported to the Assembly $.

Resolved that it be considered the duty

of ministers and Church sessions, within our bounds, to make immediate and strenuous efforts to raise money for our Education fund.

The treasurer pro. tem. transmitted his report which was accepted & ordered to be recorded Viz.

Dr. J. W. Douglass. treas. pro. tem.

In a/c with Orange Pres. Cr.

1829			
Oct.	To balance Con: fund	5..	By cash paid for blk Certif:	3.50
"	" Cash, Contin. f	7.10	" do to S. Snowden, S. Profes.	74..
"	" Cash Blank Certif.	1.65	" do transmitted to Synod	9..
"	" Cash South: profes.	74..	" do printing minutes	6..
"	" Cash for Synod	9..	" do postage	37½
	" due J. W. D.	16.13½	" do S. Clerks Salary up to 1829 inclusive	20..
		$112.87½		$112.87½

The presbytery having completed its business. the minutes of the present sessions were read, the roll called, and the presbytery adjourned to meet in Oxford on Friday, July 9th at 9 Oclock A. M. Concluded with prayer & the Apostolic benediction. Signed,

No.	Ministers Names		No.	Churches Names	P. O. Ad.	Members Exam.	Certif.	Total	Baptisms Adlts.	Infs.	Miscellaneous	Commissions	Seminy	Educa:	Total.
1.	William Paisly	S. S	1.	Bethel	Greensboro	36.	1.	73.	4.	6.	$12.-	$2.-	..	$6.-	$20.-
.	do do	S S	2.	Greensboro		6.	1.	17.	2.	1.	$24.-	$2.-	..	$8.-	$34.-
2.	Ezekiel P. Cunio	P.	3.	Hawfields	Mason Hall	2.	0.	118.	1.	6.	$22.30	"	..	$30.-	$52.30
"						4.	1.	138.	3.	9.	$8.25	"	..	$7.50	$15.75
3.	M.					..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	J.					1.	1.	28.	1.	"	$16.-	..	$100.-	$10.-	$125
5.	S.				Cedar Grove	6.	"	90.	1.	6.	$30.-	$4,35	..	$4.-	$38,35
						3.	"	59.	3.	5.	$22,50	$3,05	"	$2.-	$27.55
						10	"	41.	6.	2.	$18.-	..	..	$8.-	$26.-
6.	c					2	2.	48.	1.	2.	$11.10	$15.-	$133.	$35.-	$194.10
7.	John H. Pickard	S.S	10.	Bethesda	Browns Store	11.	1.	89.	"	12.	"	$1.75	..	..	$1.75
	do do	SS.	11.	Haw River	Caswell	1.	"	31	"	"	"	$1.75	"	..	$1.75
	do do	SS.	12.	Stony Creek		..	..	34	"	..	"	$2.75	$6.67	"	$9,42
8.	Elijah Graves	SS.	13.	New Hope	Clover Garden	9	"	30	1.	2.	"	..	..	$2.50	$2.50
	do do	SS.	14	Bethlehem		2.	4.	24	"	3	"	$3.80	$5.-	$37.50	$46.30
9.	Lemuel D. Hatch	WC.	"		Wrightsville. Dupl	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10.	Elisha Mitchell	WC.	"			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11.	Edward Hollister	WC.	"	(See No 9.)		.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12	Sam. L. Graham	P.	15.	Nutbush		4.	"	115.			$25.-	"	$20.-	$20.-	$65.-

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Ministers			Churches			
No.	Names		No.	Names	P. O. Ad.	
1.	William Paisly	S. S	1.	Bethel . X. . .	Guensboro	
.	do do	ss	2.	Greensboro X . . — .		
2.	Ezekiel P. Cunio	P.	3.	Hawfields X . . .	Mason Hall	
„	do do	P.	4.	Crop Roads . X		
3.	William McPheeters	DD. WC	SS	. R		
4	Joseph Caldwell	DD.	SS.	5. Chapel Hill . X . .		
5.	Samuel Paisly ...	P.	6.	Eno . . X . . — — —	Cedar Grove	
	do do	P.	7.	Little River . X . .		
	do do	SS.	8.	Greears . . X . .		
6.	John Witherspoon	P.	9.	Hillsboro		
7.	John H. Pickard	S. S	10.	Bethesda . . .	Browns Store	
	do do	SS.	11.	Haw River	Caswell	
	do do	SS.	12.	Stony Creek — —		
8.	Elijah Graves	SS.	13.	New Hope X	Clover Garden	
	do do	SS.	14	Bethlehem X		
9.	Samuel D. Hatch	WC.	„	. . . . .	Wrightsville. Duplin	
10.	Elisha Mitchell	WC.	„	. . . . .		
11.	Edward Hollister —	WC.	„	(S. and D. became 9.)		
12	Sam. L. Graham.	P.	15.	Nutbush		

Members.			Baptisms.		Collections.				
Exam.	Certif.	Total	Adlts	Infs	Mission.	Commis.	Seminy	Educa:	Total
36.	1.	73.	4.	6.	$12. ..	$2. „	..	$6. ..	$20. „
6.	1.	17.	2.	1.	$24. „	$2. „	..	$8. „	$34. „
2.	0.	118.	1.	6.	$22.30	„	..	$30. „	$52.30
4.	1.	138.	3.	9.	$8.25	„	..	$7.50	$15.75
„	„	„	„	„	„	„	..	..	..
1.	1.	28.	1.	„	$15. „	..	$100. ..	$10. ..	$125
6.	„	90.	1.	6.	$30. .	$4,35	..	$4. ..	$38,35
3.	„	59.	3.	5.	$22,50	$3,05	„	$2. ..	$27.55
10	„	41.	6.	2.	$18. ..	..	..	$8. ..	$26. „
2	2.	48.	1.	2.	$11.10	$15. ..	$133.	$35. „	$194 10
11.	1.	89.	„	12.	„	$1.75	..	..	$1.75
1.	„	31	„	„	„	$1.75	„	..	$1.75
..	„	34	„	„	„	$2.75	$6.67	„	$9,42
9	„	30	1.	2.	„	..	..	$2.50	$2.50
2.	4.	24	„	3	„	$3.80	$5. „	$37.50	$46.30
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4.	„	115.			$25. „	„	$20. -	$20. „	$65. „

No.	Ministers Names		No	Churches Names.
12.	Sam. L. Graham	P.	16.	Grapy Creek
13.	Eld W. Caruthers	P.	17.	Buffalo
"	do do	P.	18.	Allemance
14.	A.D. Montgomery	SS.	19.	Danville
15.	J.W. Douglass	W.C.		S.S in Richmond Va.
16.	Michael Osborn	P.	20	Newbern
17.	James Weatherby	P.	21.	Washington
18.	Daniel A. Penick	SS.	22.	Milton
	do do	SS.	23.	Bethany
19.	Thomas P. Hunt	SS.	24	Raleigh
20.	William Neil	SS.	25.	Munpees boro
21.	William S. Plumer.	W.C.		S.S Briery. Va
22.	Hiram P. Goodrich	W.C.		Prof. Union Theo. Sem.
23.	Sidney Weller	W.C.		Teacher in Halifax NC
24	A. W. Gay	W.C.		Missionary & Teacher in Wilkes Co
25.	Sam. H. Smith	W.C.	SS. 26	Spring Grove Oak Grove
26.	N. H. Harding	P.	W.C. SS. 27	Oxford
	Licentiates		28.	Warrenton
1.	Geo. Ferrill supplying		29.	Carmel
			30.	Red House

Members Escam	Ad.	Total	Baptisms. Ad.	In.	Total.	Collections. Mission.	Com:	Sem'r	Edu.	Total
6.	"	64	"	15.	15.	$50.	$ "	$233.	$20.	$303.
10	"	65	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
80.	1.	120	15.	4.	19.	$35.	$2.	"	"	$37.
4.	3.	50.	1.	0	1.	$25.	$5.50	$5.	$13.	$48.50
"	"	"	"	"	"	$7.	"	$54.	"	$61.
14	1.	67.	5.	14.	19.	$ "	$16.60	$ "	$10.	$26.60
19.	"	71.	10.	15.	25.	"	$8.	"	"	$8.
3.	1.	40.	"	1.	1.	$70.	"	$150.75	$100.	$326.75
"	"	24	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1.	1.	21.	2.	5.	7.	"	$10.	$57.	$80.	$147.
1.	2.	12.	"	1.	1.	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	19.	"	4.	4.	$8.43	$4.43	$16.	$9.50	$38.36.
2.	"	28.	"	4.	4.	"	"	$5. $20.40	$5.	$10.
3.	"	22.	"	1.	1.	"	$4.35	"	"	$4.35
1.	"	8.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	"	38	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
233.	20.	1614	56.	118.	174	$383.58	$87.33	$791.42	$408.	$1670.33.

Licentiates

2 Alex. Wilson.

X3. Rob. D. Rufsell.

4. John Chavis (black.)

31. Lexington V. 7 mem

32. Green Spring V. 15.

33. Harmony. V. X 7.

34. Mount-Hermon V. 5.

Candidates.

X Nicholas B. Patterson

Philip Pearson. —

Daniel Lindley.

Alex: A. Mebane.

Joseph J. Gray.

William P. Forrest.

The presbytery, moreover, report the following accessions, dismissions &c.

II Accessions.

1. By Removal. Oct 7. 1829. the Rev. Sidney Weller from the Associate Reformed Presbytery of New York; and the Rev Michael Osborn from the presbytery of Elizabeth-town.

2 By Ordination. None

3. By Licensure. 8th Oct 1829 Alexander Wilson, and George Ferrill were licensed to preach the Gospel.

II. Dismissions.

1. By removal, 7 Oct 1829 Rev. Darius L. Allen, and 19 Nov 1829 the Rev. Joseph Labaree were dismissed to the Presbytery of Columbus. Ohio.

Recapitulation.

Ministers 26. ... Licentiates 4. Candidates 6.
Churches 34. Mem: added 253. Total mem: 1618.
Baptisms 174. Col. Missions $383.58 Commis: $87.33
Seminary $791.42 Education $408. Total Col. $1670.33.

Dated at Richmond May 10. 1830.

James H. Douglass. Stated Clk.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by Dr Caldwell, the Moderator. Present. Rev Dr Caldwell, D.D, E Hallister. D A Penick, J L Graham, Nimrod E Hunt, with J.D. Johnson, Ruling Elder. Mr Harding was appointed Clerk.

July 10th 9 O'clock A. M.

Presbytery met. present as before. Opened with prayer. Mr Wilson was examined on the Sacraments, constitution, the rules and principles of the Government of the Presbyterian Church, and other branches of learning. His examination was sustained. Mr Wilson delivered a discourse on the Subject assigned him, which was sustained as part of Trial.

The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. D. A. Penick. after Mr Wilson had answered the questions

propounded to candidates for ordination, the Presbytery proceeded to set him apart to the solemn work of the Gospel ministry, by prayer and the laying on of hands. Mr Graham then delivered the charge to the newly ordained evangelist according to appointment; the Presbytery also proceeded to install N. H. Harding as Pastor of the church in Oxford. Dr Caldwell presided and preached the Sermon. Mr Hunt gave the charge to the people, and Mr Penick to the minister. adjourned to meet at Greensborough, october 1st 1830.

Minutes

of the 12th Sessions of orange Presbytery, which commenced at Greensboro' on Friday the 1st of october, 1830, at 7 o'clock P.M, and ended Wednesday afternoon the 6th

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Caldwell

the Moderator, from Luke ix. 23. Constituted with prayer. Present, Ministers — the Revs. Messrs W. Paisley, E. B. Currie, Drs. Caldwell D. D, J. Paisley, J. Witherspoon, E Graves, E. W. Caruthers, J. Weatherby, J. H. Pickard (the 3rd day) J. L Graham, (the 5th) D. A. Penick, (the 4th) J. P. Hunt, A. W Gay, N. H. Harding, H. P. Goodrich (the 2nd) —

Elders

Messrs Samuel Kerr, Wm Clark, Frederick Nash, Daniel Allen, William Morrow, A W. Knable, James Thom, A. M. Lewis and J. McCains. — The following ministers were absent Viz: William McPheeters, D. D., L. D. Hatch, E. Mitchell, E. Hollister, J. W. Douglass, William Keil, W. S. Plumer, J. H. Smith, E. Weller, M Osborne, A. Wilson. —

1. Committees. —

Messrs Thom and Morrow were appointed a committee to collect the amounts due from each member to the clerk of Synod.

A letter from the stated clerk was read, and

referred to a committee consisting of Dr Caldwell, Mr Venable, and Mr Lewis.—

Resolved, That Dr Caldwell, Messrs Witherspoon and Venable, be a committee to consider the events of the late Revolution, so far as the subject of religious liberty is concerned.—

Resolved, That Dr Caldwell and Messrs Harding, Carruthers and Venable be a committee to consider the propriety of members of this Presbytery residing out of our bounds.—

2. Treasurer.—

A report of the committee on the Treasurer's accounts was read and accepted, and the same committee continued.—

The resignation of Mr Hatch as Treasurer was received, and Mr A. A. Harding was elected Treasurer.—

3. Candidates.—

The committee for the purchase of Bibles, reported, and the report was adopted, and

the Treasurer was directed to pay Mr Hunt 10 dollars, the price of the Bibles, and that the books be committed to the Stated Clerk to be disposed of according to the order of Presbytery.—

Resolved, That the Synods of South Carolina and Virginia be requested to instruct the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, to report Semi-annually the results of the examination of the Students under their care to the respective Presbyteries to which said Students belong.—

Resolved, That while the Presbytery will permit the Certificate of examination had at the Seminary, where the Candidates are educated, to have no controlling influence on their decisions, they do request the professors of that institution to report Semi-annually the progress of their Candidates in learning and piety.—

Resolved, That each Candidate, in presenting himself for examination, shall present a

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Certificate from the person or the professor with whom he has pursued his studies, in relation to his piety and progress in his studies.——

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Presbytery, their candidates, who are prosecuting their studies at the Theological Seminary, ought in no case, without giving satisfactory reasons to the board of Directors, to absent themselves from the examination of said institution.—

Mr Pearson read a critical exercise and a lecture on the Subjects assigned him, which were sustained as parts of trials.—

4: Collections for Contingent fund, &c.—

Committee on Collections for Clerk of Synod, and Contingent fund of Presbytery, reports that they had collected $9.50 for the Clerk of Synod, and $6.38 for the Contingent fund.—

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5. Members not residing within our Bounds &c.——

The committee on the Subject of members residing out of our bounds, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

Resolved, That our brethren who have removed from the bounds of this Presbytery, be affectionately recommended, as speedily as shall be convenient, to obtain a dismission from this Presbytery and unite themselves with those within whose bounds they are called to labor in the ministry, or to remove within the bounds of this Presbytery.——

6: Stated Clerk &c.—

The committee on the letter of the Stated Clerk reported, and their report was accepted and is as follows. to wit: The committee to whom was referred the letter of the

Stated Clerk, having taken into consideration the matters therein contained, do recommend to the Presbytery that 250 Copies of the Minutes of each Session of the Presbytery be printed, and that the subject of preparing those Minutes for publication, both as to the arrangement and selection of those portions which it would be expedient to publish, be referred to a Committee of three to be appointed annually by Presbytery. Mess^rs Graham, Harding, and Wilson were appointed this Committee. - It is also recommended that the overture of our Stated Clerk respecting the early history of this Presbytery, be accepted, and that his continuing to act as Stated Clerk till next Spring be also accepted, and that the Presbytery will receive the communication which he proposes at the time Specified in this letter. -

7. French Revolution. -

The committee appointed to consider the subject of the late revolution in France, particularly with regard to its bearing on the church, reported, and their report was adopted and is as follows, to wit:

Resolved - That this Presbytery regarding, with sentiments which they believe common to them with their fellow Christians of every denomination in these United States, the abolition of a National religious establishment in France, announced in the Constitution of the newly elected government of that Country, they are unwilling to permit the opportunity afforded by their present Session as a body to pass, without a united expression of gratitude to God for an event so important to the cause of their religion, to the extention of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and to its efficacy in promoting the eternal

Salvation of our fellow creatures. We would indulge in no unbecoming Confidence, that the inestimable blessing of religious liberty, promised in this provision of the National Charter, is certainly to continue; but so ardent and devoted is our estimation of it, that though disappointments may await us in the course of events under the direction of him who rules in the armies of heaven and does his pleasure among the inhabitants of the earth, yet we will rejoice in the actual existence of these privileges while they continue, shall as may be the date hopefully assigned to them. And we will send up our fervent and united prayers to Heaven, that we trust, with a Spirit of humility and submission to his will, that these privileges may be perpetuated to that great people, and become common to other nations of the world with like perpetuity, through

all their successive generations.—

Resolved, That it be recommended to all our ministers to lay this subject before the people at their respective churches, and to embrace the opportunity thereby offered to explain to them the views of our church with regard to religious freedom.—

8. Supplies.—

The committee of supplies reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows;—

Mr Currie to preach in Randolph 1 Sabbath
Mr S. Paisley, 1 Sabbath at Spring Grove, and to administer the Sacrament.—
Mr W. Paisley at Germantown, 1 Sabbath.—
Dr McPheters at Louisburg, 1 Sabbath.—
Mr Graves, Green Spring, 1 Sabbath.—
Mr Montgomery, Leesville, 1 Sabbath.—
Do Spring Garden, 1 Sabbath.—

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Mr Pickard, 1 Sabbath at Speedwell, and one week in Surry.—

Mr Witherspoon, 1 Sabbath at Red House.—

Mr Hollister, 1 Sabbath at Bank's Chapel.—

Mr Weatherby, 2 Sabbaths at Lake Chiles.—

Mr Carruthers, 1 Sabbath at Lexington.—

Messrs Harding, Wilson, Graham, Penick, the 5th Sabbath in October, at Lebanon.—

Mr Wilson, 1 Sabbath at Dallis's Meeting House.

Messrs Neil, Osborne and Weller, 1 Sabbath each at discretion.—

9. Lotteries and Temperance.—

Resolved, That it be recommended and enjoined upon all the ministers of this Presbytery to take the earliest favorable opportunity to read publicly to their own congregations the resolutions of the General assembly on the subjects of Lotteries and Temperance, which most deeply and essentially involve the

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welfare of our country, and the temporal and eternal interests of our people; and we earnestly look to all the members of our churches and congregations to promote the Spirit and prevalence of these resolutions through the community, to the utmost extent attainable by every prudent exertion of their influence.—

10. Usury.—

Whereas this Presbytery has heretofore expressed its decided disapprobation of the practice of note shaving, as being inconsistent with the Spirit of Christianity. Therefore, Resolved, That the Several Sessions under the care of this Presbytery, be instructed to institute an inquiry as to the Practice of the Communicants of their respective churches on this Subject and to proceed to such measures, as Christian prudence may direct, to Correct

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this evil.—

Rev. A. H. Harding was appointed to preach on the subject of Missions at the next Session of Presbytery, and Dr Caldwell his alternate.—

11. Collections.—

Resolved, That at each meeting of the Presbytery, the members be called to report all Collections made within their bounds for religious and benevolent purposes, arranged under their appropriate heads.—

12. Education.—

Resolved, That this Presbytery become auxiliary to the General Assembly's Board of Education, on the conditions prescribed in their minutes.— It was further Resolved that the following persons be appointed an

Executive committee of Education; Dr Caldwell, Messrs Graham, Weatherby, Harding and Wilson, Ministers; and Messrs Venable, J. Bullock, and William Huntingdon, Elders, and that four be a quorum to transact business.—

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary of the Executive Committee be authorized and requested to purchase and keep a book, into which shall be entered by him all receipts and disbursements for the purpose of education, in board, tuition, clothing, money, books, or any other form, and that it be the duty of the Recording Secretary to have this book always present at the meetings of the Presbytery for its information.—

The education committee reported, and their report was accepted.—

The following sums were collected for the Education fund.—

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Chapel Hill	$8.00
Grassy Creek and Roxboro	30.00
Bethel	2.00
Haw River	1.70
Danville	10.00
Ezro	3.25
	$54.95

Resolved, That the reports of collections for the education fund be called for on the same day on which Presbytery transacts the education business.—

13. Subject of Conference-

The following question was submitted to Presbytery, for their Conference at the next Stated Sessions: "What is the best means of promoting religion among children and servants?"

14. Sabbath—

Resolved, That the Presbytery recommend to the churches to observe the second Thursday in November as a day of fasting and prayer on account of the profanation of the Sabbath in our land.—

Mr Graham was appointed to preach on the law of the Sabbath, at the next Stated meeting of Presbytery.—

15. Poor-

On inquiry, it was found that none of our church members, are paupers.—

16. Southern Professorship.

Dr Caldwell, and Messrs Witherspoon and Allen were appointed a committee on the Southern Professorship.

Adjourned to meet at Washington, the 4th Thursday of April, 1831. at 7 o'cl. P.M. — Concluded with prayer and the apostolical

225.

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Benediction.—

Thomas P. Hunt, Moderator

A. H. Harding
James Weatherby } Clerks.—

Oxford July 1831.

N. H. Harding Stated Clk

ccertain from Rev. J. S. Armistead the
e & place of Mr Penicks. & Mr Hunts or

Hopewell Church, Mecklenburg County
N.C. October 14th 1830.—

Presbytery of Orange met at the
Call of the Moderator— Opened with
prayer, Present John Witherspoon,
Samuel Paisley, John H. Pickard
Thomas P. Hunt & Hamlet Penick
Ministers— A. W. Venable— Elder.
Mr A. W Venable was appointed Clerk
pro. tem.—

Resolved that this Presbytery as a Mission-
-ary Society become auxiliary to the
General Assembly's Board of Missions
according to the terms proposed by the
General Assembly. It being distinctly
understood that every Congregation under
the care of Presbytery is at liberty to
act as they think best for the Redeemers
Kingdom in joining either the Assembly's
board or that of the Home Mission
Society.—

Hopewell Church. Oct 14th 1835—

The Revd John Witherspoon was appointed agent of this Society to visit the Churches under our care in behalf of the Society—

The Revd Dr McPheeters was appointed Treasurer.—

An executive Committee was appointed consisting of the following persons to wit J. Witherspoon, Samuel L Graham, Nehemiah H Harding, A. Wilson and Dr McPheeters. Ministers and A. W. Vinable Esq. Ruling-elder

Thos P. Hunt—Mod:

Oxford July 1831 N.H. Harding Stated Clk.

Washington N. C. 28th April 1831.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, opened with a sermon by the Revd Thos P. Hunt moderator from 1 Peter 2. 15 "For so is the will of God that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men"— Constituted with prayer— Present— Ministers— Wm McPheeters D.D, Jno Witherspoon, Michael Osborn, Jas Weatherly, Hiram P. Goodrich, and Thomas P. Hunt— On the 2nd day Jno Pickard, Saml L Graham, Saml A Penick, Wm Neil and N H Harding— L. Deacon on the 3d day Sidney Miller— Elders— Henry D Turner. Thos Sparrow and Jos Potts— Absent— Joseph Caldwell D.D, Wm Paisley, Ezekiel B. Currie, Saml Paisley, Elijah Graves, Elisha Mitchell, Edward Mallister, Eli W. Carruthers, A J Montgomery, Jas H Douglass, Wm Plummer, A. W Gay and Saml S Smith.) — Adjourned to meet to morrow morning 9 O Clock

April 29 Eth

Presbytery met according to adjournment

opened with prayer – Persons as above – Rev^d S
Witherspoon was elected Moderator and Mr
Osborne Temporary Clerk – Minutes of last meet-
ing were read – The Rev^d Wm^s Plummer through
the Rev^d I Weatherby made application to be
dismissed from this Presbytery to the Presby^y
of East-Hanover – whereupon it was resolved
that he be dismissed, and he is hereby accordingly
to request – dismissed, and recommended to said pres-
-bytery as a Member in good Standing –

Dr Mc Phetters assigned reasons for being absent
from the last meeting – On motion the Rule of
Conference was postponed until tomorrow morn-
ing – Rev^d S. L. Graham, Mr A Pickard,
Wm Neil, Daniel A Pruett and A H. Harding
appeared in Presbytery and assigned satisfactory
reasons for not appearing at the opening of
Presbytery and took their seats – The Rev^d
David L Riddel of the Presbytery of Mus-
kingum being present was invited to sit as a
Corresponding member of Presbytery –

Letters were received from the Congregations of

Nutbush and Gravelly Creek, and on motion
were laid on the Table – The Rev^d S. L. Gra-
-ham made application for the dissolution of the
pastoral relation existing between him and the
Congregations of Gravelly Creek and Nutbush,
Whereupon Resolved that said Congrega-
tions be cited to appear by their Commission-
ers at Oxford on Friday before the 3^d
Sabbath in June at 4 o'clock P. M.
before a meeting of Presbytery, then and
there to be held to shew Cause if any they
have why Presbytery should not grant said
request – The Stated Clerk was directed to
Cite said Congregations –

Committees on Session Books.
Goodrich & Turner on Gravelly Creek,
Osborne & Sparrow on Washington.
Harding & Pruett on Murfreesboro.
Graham & Potts on New Bern.
Weatherby & Neil on Milton
Osborne & Sparrow on Oxford
Dr Mc Phetters & Potts on Beaufort –

A report from the professors of the Union Theological Seminary according to request of Presbytery in relation to the piety and progress of the Candidates under the Care of this Presbytery, pursuing their studies in the Seminary was received and ordered to be filed—

Rev'd N.H. Harding was appointed to act as Stated Clerk until the fall meeting of Presbytery—

Rev'd Hiram P. Goodrich & Drs Witherspoon Bishop, and Jas S. Johnston & Henry D. Turner Elders, were appointed Commissioners on the part of this Presbytery to attend the meeting of the General Assembly— Rev'd Mr Pickard appeared in Presbytery and assigning satisfactory reasons for not attending sooner took his seat—

Rev'd Thos P. Hunt and L.G. Graham were appointed to take notes on the pro Conversation of religion, and to propose the matter of the State of Religion within the bounds of this Presbytery— Ordered that the pro Conversation of the State of

religion be the order of the day for to morrow 9 O. clock A.M. —

The Executive Committee of Education reported, which Report was accepted —

Rev'd Saml L. Graham was appointed to prepare a report on the subject of Education for the General Assembly—

The Sum of Thirty Eight Dollars was reported as collected for the Commissioners fund— Resolved that the Treasurer of the late Education Committee be directed to settle his accounts with the Treasurer of Presbytery— Resolved that the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to Dr James Webb for his services as Treasurer of the Education Society— Resolved that those Congregations which have not contributed to the Commissioners fund this spring be requested to attend to this duty immediately, and report at the fall meeting of Presbytery— The following Congregations are delinquent viz. Shawfields, Cross Roads, Ens. Little

Rever, Grove, New hope, Chapel Hill, Bethlehem, Buffalo, Alamance, Grinstone, Bethel, Red Stone, Bethany, Carmel, Harmony, Spring Grove, Manfordsboro, and Warrenton

It appearing to the Satisfaction of Presbytery that the Services of Robert L. Russel a licentiate under its Care, are not edifying to the Churches Resolved that his Licentiate be, and the Same is hereby Recalled —

Resolved that the Stated Clerk furnish Mr Russell with a Copy of the foregoing Resolution, and at the Same time inform him that the Presbytery do not doubt the Correctness of his Moral & Christian Character —

The Committees on Sabbath books reported and their reports were adopted —

Resolved that Presbytery will hold its fall meeting in Oxford on the first Friday in October 7 o'clock P. M. — Rev The Rev A. H. Harding was excused from preaching on account at this Meeting — The Rev L. L. Graham was excused from preaching on the Saturday of the Sabbath at this meeting —

Watch appointed in Presbytery and alleged reasons for his absence from the preceding Presbytery and likewise from the early Sessions of this Presbytery — The resolution passed at the last meeting of Presbytery, requiring the members to give a report of all collections made within their bounds for Religious & benevolent purposes was rescinded —

A letter addressed to the Moderator Signed A. W. Gay was laid before Presbytery by the Rev L. L. Graham and read — The letter purported to be a Communication from the Rev A. W. Gay, touching certain gross and flagrant immoralities, of which he, the said Rev A W. Gay, admitted and acknowledged himself to be guilty — Of Said letter the following is a true Copy —

Iredell County, N. C. March 18th 1831.

Rev Moderator of Orange Presbytery —

Rev & Dear Sir

It becomes my painful duty

to Communicate through you to Presbytery the following Statement of facts in relation to my self— In Septembr last my business required me to spend a night at a Court House Village during the Sessions of the Court— That night there was a Circus performance in the Village; and the night being dark, a work than useless Curiosity led me to mingle for a while with the Crowd that surrounded the Circus— I was then & there I had no right to expect the sustaining grace of God— Temptation after temptation was presented and I finally suffered my self to be so far overcome as to transgress the Seventh Commandment— For this I was punished with that disease which God has Righteously annexed to transgression of that kind— I immediately used the Medicines prescribed in such Cases, and by the 15th of October I thought my self Cured but I was again Compelled to lie by during November— About the last of that

month I thought my self wholly Cured, and then I returned my former Labours— God has been pleased to bring this affair to light— Some of the efforts which I used to Conceal this matter were not strictly in accordance with the Ninth Commandment— Respecting this unhappy affair I wish to make a few remarks— I know very well what will be the Consequence of these things to the Church and to the Bible Cause in which I was engaged— I regret it much— But then I know I can give no Satisfactory evidence of penitence, except what may be furnished by subsequent Conduct— This I hope God will give me grace to do— I know also what our book of Discipline and the interest of Religion require the Presbytery to do in this Case— I would attend Presbytery; but situated as I am, I have not the means of defraying the Expence of going to Washington;— And the business Can perhaps be disposed of

without my presence. In Cases of proceed against an offender, one discipline requires Certain formalities, such as Citation, the presence of the accused &c &c— I Reflecting upon this subject the following view of it has occurred to me as probably Correct, and if Correct it will enable the Presbytery to dispose of the matter without my presence— These formalities are Rights solely granted by me to me who is accused; and being rights of his, he may therefore dispense with them, or in other words if the accused will Confess his Crime, either personally or by letter, agree to waive all these Ceremonies, and Submit to the decision of the Judicatory, the Presbytery may I think dispose of the matter without his presence— In order therefore to remove all difficulty in this Case, I hereby acknowledge my self to be guilty as above Stated; I agree also to dispense with the formality of being Cited, and of being present, and I also promise to Submit to the decision of

Presbytery on this matter— As soon as I learned this matter was known I ceased from all performances of ministerial duty— I do not yet Know when I shall live or what I shall do— I hope however God will give me grace to abstain from sin— If in the dispensations of Providence I shall ever be able in any way to promote the interests of religion, I hope I shall esteem it a gracious privilege to do so— I hope I shall still be remembered in the prayers of those, whom it was once my privilege to call brethren— I dread finite my self safe from transgression of this kind, Sins of this sort I have always abhorred in a special manner— I never have the unhappy matter with Presbytery—

Yours &c

A. V.— Gay—

In the preceding letter the Revd Mr. Gay having admitted and confessed his guilt, and having in fact become his own accuser,

and having moreover by his own Consent & pledge absolved Presbytery from the rules and formalities required by the Book of discipline in Cases of process against Ministers, Presbytery was unanimously of opinion that it was in order and proper to proceed without delay to Consider and decide the Case of the Revd A W Gay, as detailed and exhibited in his own letter — The Moderator for the season having solemnly announced from the Chair that the body was about to pass to the Consideration of the business assigned for Trial, and having informed the members to recollect and Regard their high Character as Judges of a Court of Jesus Christ, and the Solemn duty in which they were about to act — The Case of the Revd A. W. Gay was taken up and Considered — The Revd S. L. Graham being called upon and duly Sworn the following questions were asked by the Moderator — Question 1st Are you acquainted with

the hand writing of the Revd A W Gay? Answer — I am; having often seen his writing and having received letters from him at different times, I Consider my self well acquainted with the hand writing — Question 2nd Have you examined the letter signed "A. W. Gay" addressed to the Moderator and which has been just read? Answer — I have — Question 3d? Do you think said letter was written by the Revd A W Gay, and that the Signature thereunto annexed is in his true & proper hand writing? Answer — I have no hesitation in saying that I do believe that I do believe the letter in question was written by the Revd A W Gay, and that the Signature thereunto annexed is in his true and proper hand writing — The Revd N H Harding being also called in and duly Sworn, the questions proposed were similar to those which had been asked the Revd S. L. Graham, and the Answers which he gave were the

the Same— Viz. That he was acquainted with the hand writing of the Revd A. W. Gay— That he believd the Letter in question to have been written by him, and that the Signature is in his own true and proper hand writing— The Presbytery having heard the testimony of these two Witnesses, and having duly considered the business before them in all its Circumstances and bearings, did proceed to decide on the Case of the Revd A. W. Gay, and felt it to be their painful duty to adopt the following Resolutions, Viz—

1st Resolved that the Revd A. W. Gay be, and he is hereby deposed forthwith from the office of the gospel Ministry—

2nd Resolved that Mr A. W. Gay be, and he is hereby suspended from the Communion of the Church—

3d Resolved that the Stated Clerk be directed to forward to Mr A. W. Gay a Copy of the proceedings and decisions of this Presbytery

in his Case— The preceding Resolutions having been adopted, on motion prayer was offered up by the Moderator, imploring the blessing of Almighty God on this Exercise of the discipline of the Church and the individual who has so deplorably fallen might be duly humbled before God, his great sin pardoned, and his soul saved through God's abounding Grace, and the atoning merits of that blood which cleanseth from all sin, and that the deep wound which he has inflicted on our Church, in particular, and on the Cause of Religion in general, might in due time be healed, and the mischief likely to accrue therefrom might in infinite mercy be prevented or overruled for the promotion of the divine glory— Adjourned to meet to Morrow Morning at 8 O'Clock—

Concluded with prayer—

April 30. 8 O'Clock A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment— Members present as before— Opened with Prayer—

The Revd Sidney Miller appeared and after assigning reasons for his absence at the last Meeting and for not appearing earlier at this Meeting took his seat —

The Revd Thomas P. Hunt applied for a dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Fayetteville; when upon it was resolved unanimously that he be, and he is hereby dismissed from us and affectionately Recommended to the Presbytery of Fayetteville as a Minister in good and Regular Standing with us —

Presbytery had a free Conversation on the State of Religion — Mr Joseph D. Gray was directed to prepare a Critical Exercise on Rom. VI. III.VIII. a Lecture on 130 Psalm, and a popular discourse on John VI. 37. — The Committee on the narrative of the State of Religion within our bounds read a Report which was adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly — Resolved that the rule Regarding Superannuated Books to be sent up to Presbytery at Stated Meetings be Rescinded — Presbytery spent a part of the

afternoon in Conference and devotional Exercises — Subject for Conference at the next Stated Meeting "Revivals of Religion" — Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed not to pay out any money belonging to the Presbytery, except the Orders to be signed by the Moderator of Presbytery or such other persons as may be authorized by the Presbytery — Ordered that the Treasurer pay into the hands of the Commissioners from this Presbytery to the next General Assembly, all monies Reported at this Meeting as Contributed for the Commissions fund — Adjourned to meet on Monday Morning at 6 O'Clock — Concluded with prayer

1830.

Monday Morning 6 O'clock. May 2.

Presbytery met and opened with prayer — present as before — Resolved that the Meeting of the Temperance Society established this Morning at 10. O'clock — Resolved that Dr M. Pharrin, Mr Osborne, and Mr Pringle be appointed a Committee to Consider the Expediency of petitioning the Synod of N Carolina, at its next annual Meeting in Hillsboro, to divide this Presbytery into two Presbyteries; and if in their judgment it be Expedient, to Specify a

proper boundary line; Report to be made at the
next Stated meeting of Presbytery —

The following persons were appointed Commis-
sioners of the Executive Committee of the Missiona-
ry Society. Viz D. A. Penick & Dr. Caldwell
Ministers in place of Messrs Graham and
Harding, and Rich^d Bullock ruling Elder
in place of Abram W Venable Esq^r —

Presbytery had a recess to allow the Temper-
ance Society and Opportunity of Meeting —

Whereas Presbytery are informed that there
has recently been an election of a 3rd
Professor for the Union Theological Seminary
and that there are no funds in the Treas-
ury adequate to his support — Therefore, Resolved
that the Stated Clerk be directed to write
~~to the~~ to the Sessions of all the Churches
under our Care, urging them to collect from
every Communicating Member of their
respective Churches as speedily as possible,
at least fifty Cents, and to forward

the amount forthwith to James D.
Morgan Esq^r (Treasurer of the Union
Theological Seminary) Farmville,
Prince Edward Co. Virginia —

The Committee of Supplies made a report
which was accepted and adopted and is as
follows. To wit Resolved, that the Members
of this Presbytery be requested during the
recess of Presbytery to spend as much
time in vacant Congregations, Conduc-
ting 4 days Meetings as may be Conve-
nient —

The Com-
mittee appointed to audit the accounts of
the Rev^d L. D. Walsh, late Treasurer, reported
that after examining the debits and Cred-
its as exhibited by said Treasurer, they
find him indebted to the Presbytery in
the sum of $300.72/100 — they recommend
that he be permitted to pay this sum as
the supposed balance due by him, with
the privilege of correcting any errors that

may hereafter be discovered either in his favour or otherwise Resolved, that this report be accepted and adopted — On motion resolved that the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to the Rev. Isaac L. Hatch for his services as Treasurer of Presbytery — Ordered, that Executive Committee of Education be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for such Monies as may be in his hands destined to that object — Ordered that the Treasurer pay to the Rev. D. W. Longstreet $ 30. 89/100 for services as stated Clerk, and for Monies expended by him in printing the Minutes and purchasing blank Books. Ordered, that the Treasurer pay to the Assembly's board of Missions, all Monies Contributed to aid that body in carrying on their Missionary Operations, and which may come into his hands —

Resolved that the Executive Committee of Missions shall not pay to Missionary's employed by this Presbytery more than $ 33 1/3 per month — Resolved that agents for domestic Missions employed by this Presbytery and acting within its bounds shall not receive a Salary exceeding $ 50. per Month —

Adjourned to meet at Oxford on the Friday preceding the 3rd Sabbath in June at 7 O'clock P. M — Concluded with Prayer, Singing the Christian doxology and the Apostolic Benediction

Oxford N. Carolina

Jan 27th 1831

Presbytry met according to adjournment and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev Saml L. Graham — Ministers present Edward Hollister, S. L. Graham, N. H. Harding and Alexander Wilson — Elders Jarad Daniel, Maurice Smith & James D Johnston — The Rev Edw Hollister the Senior Minister present was elected Moderator, and accordingly took the Chair — Constituted with prayer — Alexander Wilson was appointed Temporary Clerk —

The Commissioners from the Congregations of Nutbush & Grassy Creek, according to former citation, appeared before Presbytry, and were heard respecting the dissolution of the two Congregations; when upon it was unanimously resolved that the pastoral relation hitherto existing between

the Rev S. L. Graham, and the said Congregations of Nutbush and Grassy Creek be dissolved and are now vacant — Abram W Venable Elder from Grassy Creek appeared in Presbytry and took his seat — A Call was presented to Presbytry for the Rev S. L. Graham from the Congregation of Nutbush to become their pastor — a Call was also presented for the Rev S. L. Graham from the Congregation of Grassy Creek — A Call was presented from the Congregation of Upper Grassy requesting the ministerial Services of the Rev S. Wilson — it was directed that this Call be put into the hands of W Wilson — Concluded with prayer to meet tomorrow Morning at 9 O. Clock —

Presbytry met according to adjournment, and opened with

prayer— The Rev^d D. A. Penick appeared and took his seat as a member of presbytery— Resolved, That the calls from the Congregations of Nutbush and Grassy Creek be put into the hands of the Rev^d S. L. Graham— After Consultation with the Members of the presbytery, Mr Graham signified his acceptance of the call of the Church of Grassy Creek— Whereupon resolved that there be an adjourned Meeting of the Presbytery at Shiloh on the Friday before the third Sunday in July, for the purpose of installing Mr Graham, and that the Rev^d Mr Harding preach the installation Sermon, and Mr Penick be his alternate, and that Mr Penick give the Charge to the pastor & Mr Wilson be his alternate & Mr Hollister give the Charge to the people—

Adjourned to meet at Shiloh

Friday before the 3^d Sabbath in July— Concluded with prayer—

Shiloh July 15^th 1831—

Several members of Presbytery met, a quorum not being present adjourned to meet to morrow at 12 A.M.

Saturday 16^th

Presbytery met— present— Edward Hollister, S. L. Graham, N.H. Harding, Alexander Wilson Ministers— J. Daniel & A. Wardlaw Elders— The Presbytery immediately proceeded to install the Rev^d S. L. Graham pastor of the Church and Congregation of Grassy Creek— N. H. Harding, preached the Sermon— Alex^r Wilson gave the Charge to the Minister, & E. Hollister to the

people — Saml Worthum and Jno Webb made application to Presbytery (thro the Rev^d J. L Graham) on behalf of themselves and several others, all being members of the Church in Offord, to be organized into a Separate Church at the Sandcan — Fields and when organized to be taken under the care of Presbytery — It was ordered that the request be granted & that the Rev^d A H Harding be directed to organize the said applicants into a Church on the Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in July — Concluded with prayer — Adjourned to meet at Greensboro' Aug^t 12^th 1851 at the Call of the Moderator —

Greensboro: Aug 13. 1851.

Presbytery met at the Call of the Moderator — opened with prayer — Present the Rev^d C. B. Currie. Wm Paisley, Wm McC Chesters, Saml Paisley, John Williamson, Edward Hollister, Saml D. Graham, Eli W Caruthers, D. A Penick, Michael Osborn & A H. Harding Ministers — Saml Daniel. James L Johnston, Joseph Gibson, A. W Knable and A. M. Lewis Elders — Rev^d Edw^d Hollister was added to the Executive Committee of Education — Adjourned to meet at the Call of the Moderator Concluded with prayer —

Aug 15^th

Presbytery met at the Call of the Moderator — present as before — The Rev^d Collin [redacted] McIver of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, & the Rev^d Lefe Wanklin of the Presbytery of Concord

King "present were invited to sit as Corresponding members — Mr Olstown requested that the pastoral relation existing between himself and the present Presbyterian Church of New Bern be dissolved, and at the same time he laid before Presbytery a paper from the said Congregation, their assent to his wishes, his request was granted & the pastoral relation dissolved, and the Church at New Bern declared vacant — Adjourned to meet at Oxford, October 7th 1831. Concluded with prayer. —

Nineteenth Sessions of the Synod of North Carolina Salisbury 19th Oct 1832 Thus far examined and approved Saml Williamson Mod.

Members.			On
E. B. Currie		W. [illegible]	22	
W. Baisley		N. H. Harding	23	
Wm M'Phetters D.D.	3	D. L. [illegible]	24	
J. [illegible]	4	A. Wilson	25	
S. Baisley	5	G. W. Fennell	26	1801
J. A. [illegible]	6	A. L. Watts	27	1801
J. H. Pickard	7	P. Pierson	28	1802.
E. Graves	8	J. S. [illegible]	29	1803
L. D. [illegible]	9	Thomas Seguch	30	
C. Mitchell	10	G. C. [illegible]	31	
E. H. [illegible]	11	Drury Lacy	32	
S. L. Graham	12	William McElroy	33	
E. W. Carruthers	13	James Phillips	34	
A. D. Montgomery	14	Thompson Bird		
J. W. [illegible]	15	James D. Hall		
J. [illegible]	16	M. & Shaw		
D. A. Penick	17	J. J. Gray		
J. Rankin	18	J. D. Forrest		
H. B. Goodrich	19	D. G. Doak.		
M. [illegible]	20			
S. A. Willson	21			

Presbytery of Orange, N. C.

Oxford, N.C. October 7th 1831.
Friday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Revd. John Witherspoon, from Matt. 23.33. "How can ye escape the damnation of hell?" Constituted with prayer by the Moderator. —

The roll was called & the following ministers, & elders, were present, — Ministers, E. B. Currie, Wm. McPheeters, S. Paisley, J. Witherspoon, E. Graves, L. D. Haleb, Edward Hollister, S. L. Graham, J. Weatherby, H. P. Goodrich, N. H. Harding, & A. Wilson. —

Elders, — S. B. Littlejohn, Wm. Baird, J. Bullock, Wm. Gaddis, John Woods, R. Pickard, Alex. Hardy, R. Donnel, J. McAlister, H. McAdin, Dr. Worthan

Absent, Revd. Wm. Paisley, J. Caldwell, J. H. Pickard,

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E. Mitchel, E. W. Caruthers, A. D. Montgomery, J. W. Douglass, W. A. Penick, W. Neil, J. H. Smith, Sidney Weller. Michael Osborn. —

The Rev. Messrs. Smith & Hurd, members of West Hanover Presbytery present, were invited to take their seats as corresponding members. —

The Rev. Hiram. P. Goodrich was chosen Moderator, & Rev. J. Weatherby, & Alex. Wilson Clerks

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock; Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, 9 o'clock A. M. } October 8th 1831 — —

Presbytery met according to adjournment — opened with prayer; present as above. — The minutes of the last session of Presbytery were read. —

The Rev. Daniel L. Russell presented a letter of dismission from the presbytery of West Hanover, recommending him to this Presbytery as a member in good standing — & on motion, he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

The Church organized in Granville co. by the

name of Sharon, was received under the care of this Presbytery. — It was ordered that the publishing committee be dispensed with. —

Dr. Mc. Pheeters — Messrs. Graham & Harding were appointed a committee of arrangements. —

Messrs. Graves, Hollister, & Russel, on benevolent institutions — Messrs Witherspoon, Graham, and Weatherby, on the minutes of the last General Assembly. —

Messrs Harding, & Weatherby on the state of religion.

Resolved, That the subject for conference, and devotional exercises be the order of the day for this afternoon.

Mr. Rupel was appointed on the committee of examination in place of Mr Plumer. — Mr Wilson in place of Mr Jay, Mr Witherspoon in the place of Mr Hunt. —

The commissioners to the last General Assembly reported and their reports were accepted. —

Resolved, That two persons from each of the two first committees of examination be appointed a committee

to examine the candidates on all the studies preceding Church History.— Messrs Graham, Hollister Witherspoon, & Wilson, were appointed.

Collections were taken up for contingent fund of Presbytery & stated clerk of Synod $3.50. for contingent fund of Presbytery, $9.00. for stated clerk of Synod.—

Mr. Bullock, an elder from Austinsh, appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.—

After recess Presbytery spent some time in conversation on the subject of conference— Revivals of religion, & in devotional exercises.—

The executive committee of education reported in writing & their report was accepted.—

Resolved, That Messrs Graham, Goodrich and Harding, be a committee to prepare a treatise or Tract, on what constitutes a call to the Gospel ministry, and report at the next stated meeting of Presbytery.— It is understood that the committee may avail themselves of any treatise hitherto published on that subject.—

The committee of education fund report,

that $151.95c have been collected for that purpose.—

Resolved, That the committee of Missions be a committee of supplies.—

Dr. Wortham an elder from Sharon, appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.—

The following question for conference was selected, viz. The manner & result of preaching

Hugh McAdin, ruling elder from Spring Grove obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.—

A call was presented from the Sharon congregation requesting the ministerial services of Mr George W. Ferril,— which call being in order, was directed to be put into the hands of Mr Ferril,— And he signified his acceptance of the same.—

Mr. James M. Wiggins a regular member of the Church in Oxford, was presented to Presbytery by Mr, Harding, and having been examined on experimental Religion & his motives in desiring the gospel Ministry, was received under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel Ministry.—

Messrs Graham, Littlejohn, & Baird, were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer of the Education Society and the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery.

Resolved, that the license taken from Mr. Rob.t Rufsell be restored, & that a license signed by the present moderator & clerk be given to Mr. Rufsell. —

Adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer. —

Monday morning, 9. o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment; opened with prayer — present as above — Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The committee appointed to examine the candidates, Mr. Lindley & Mr. Mebane, reported that they had examined those gentlemen on Latin — Greek — Hebrew — Logic — Moral — Philosophy & Geography. Resolved that the report be accepted & the examination be sustained as parts of trial. —

Resolved, That this Presbytery recommend to

all the churches under their care the careful perusal of Dr. Miller's work on the warrant, nature and duties of ruling Elders as the best author with which they are acquainted, on the subject of their duties. —

Mr. Mebane read a lecture on Proverbs, 1: 24th–28th, which was sustained as a part of trial.

Resolved, that Mr. Graham & Mr. Weatherby be added to the committee appointed, last Presbytery, on the division of Presbytery and that, that subject be the order of the day for this afternoon

Mr. Mebane, Mr. Pierson & Mr. Lindley were examined on polemic and didactic theology, church government, church History, and the Sacraments, which examination was sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. Lindley read a lecture, an exegesis on "Quo modo sit mors Christi propitia?" And a critical exercise on Mat.w 4th. 1st.–11th. which were sustained as parts of trial. —

Mr. Lyndley read a popular lecture on Eph.s 2nd. 1.st. "And you hath he quickened," &c. — which was sustained as part of trial. —

Mr. Bullock the elder from Nutbush being absent from Presbytery, it was decided by vote of Presbytery that Mr. Gordon an elder from the same congregation, had a right to occupy his seat as the representative from that congregation

Mr Mebane read a popular sermon from Romans 8th. 7th. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God," &c which was sustained as a part of trial

Mr. Pierson read a popular sermon from Romans 8th. 1st. which was sustained as part of trial.

Mr. Lindley read a popular sermon from 1st. John 3rd. 7th. which was sustained as a part of trial

Resolved, That the next stated sessions of Presbytery be held in Raleigh, on the 3rd. Wednesday in April at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Resolved, That the Presbytery will meet for the ordination & installation of Mr. Ferril, at Providence, the 5th of Nov. at 12 o'clock.—

Resolved, That Mr G. W. Ferril be directed to prepare a discourse on 2nd. Timothy 4th. 7. "I have fought," &c; that Mr. Holister preside & that

Mr. S. Paisley be his alternate, that Mr. Graham preach the ordination sermon, & deliver the charge to the Minister & Mr. Harding to the people.—

Resolved, That the Church at Lexington be stricken from the roll.

Resolved, That the Church of Green Spring be dissolved, & that the members be recommended to unite themselves with the churches most convenient.— Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, A. M.— Closed with Prayer.—

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Tuesday morning. 9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.— Mr. Forrest read a Latin exegesis on the question.— An miracula sint idonea argumenta divinae missionis.— He was also examined on the Greek language; which were sustained as parts of trial;—

At Oxford N. C. the 10th. day of October, 1831, the

10. Presbytery of Orange having received testimo=
=nial in favor of Mesrs Alexander Mebane,
Philip Pierson & Daniel L. Lindley, of their
having gone through a regular course of litera=
-ture; of their good moral character; & of their
being in communion of the church: proceed=
-ed to take the usual parts of trial for their
licensure; and they having given satisfaction
as to their accomplishments in literature; as
to their experimental acquaintance with
religion; & as to their proficiency in divinity
& other studies: the Presbytery did, & hereby do
express their approbation of all these parts of trial;
They having adopted the confession of faith of
this church, & satisfactorily answered the ques=
-tions appointed to be put to candidates to be
licensed, the Presbytery did & hereby do license
them, the said Mebane, Pierson, & Lindley, as
probationers for the holy Ministry within the
bounds of this Presbytery or wherever else they
shall be orderly called. —

The Rev. T. L. Graham was elected stated
clerk of Presbytery.
Resolved, That the remuneration usually
paid to the stated clerk be paid to Mr. Hard=
-ing the acting stated clerk.
Mr. Harding was elected Treasurer of Presby=
=tery. —
Resolved, that the stated clerk have permission
to publish the minutes where it will be most
convenient for him. —
Resolved, That the following be the Executive
Committee of Missions for the next year, and
three of whom have power to act. Dr. Caldwell
Dr. Mc Pheeters, Mesrs. Witherspoon, Penick. L.
-Paisley, D. L. Rupel, Wm. Huntington, R. Bullock
& Dr. Webb. —
Resolved, That the Executive Committee of
Education for the coming year be Dr. Caldwell;
T. L. Graham, E. Holister, J. Weatherby, N. H.
Harding, A. Wilson, A. W. Venable, & J. Bullock.
Little river paid $3 for commissioners fund. —
Greers $3 — and Chapel Hill $7.50 for the same
fund. —

Hillsboro. 17th October 1832.—

Presbytery met according to adjournment— Constituted with prayer.

Present, Rev W. Paisley. W. McPheeters. J. Wilther-
spoon, J. A. Pickard, J. Caldwell L. L. E. Mitchell,
L. Graham, J. Wallherby, L. A. Penick. A. P.
Goodrich,— Elders. J. Gibson, Wm M. Lurd,
J. L. Johnson, J. P. Atkinson—

Mr Albertus Walls a licentiate was received by certificate from the Presbytery of Concord.

Evidence was received that the Rev Jesse Wanton had been regularly dismissed from the Concord Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Orange, but Mr Wanton had mislaid his letter of dismission, whereupon it was resolved, That Mr Wanton be received as a member of this Presbytery, and that his dismission when found be filed, by the Stated Clerk— Note by the Stated Clerk. The above named certificate had been accordingly filed.)

Resolved That Presbytery meet at the

Resolved, That the order of Presbytery, which was made at our last meeting that the Treasurer pay no monies without an order of Presbytery be rescinded.—

Resolved, That the Rev. J. H. Smith be dismissed on his own request, to join the Presbytery of South Alabama.—

Mr. Montgomery appeared in Presbytery & having assigned reasons for not attending earlier, took his seat as a member.—

The committee appointed to audit the account of the late Treasurer of the Education Society, & the account of the Treasurer of Presbytery reported that they found them correct— & the report was accepted.

Resolved, That two hundred dollars of the contingent fund be appropriated to the Southern Professorship.—

Resolved, That Ephesians 1st 23rd be assigned Mr. Forrest as a critical exercise.— Lesbians Luke 13th Chapter and 1st—10th and 51 Psalm 17 verse for a popular Sermon. Adjourned to meet at Hillsboro during the Sessions of Synod. Closed with prayer.

Red house the Friday before the 2nd Sa-
bath of December to ordain Mr Watts a
Evangelist. Mr. Watts was directed to
prepare a discourse on 1 Tim 1. 15,
Mr Withers from to preach the Sermon
and Mr Pinick deliver the Charge—
Adjourned to meet at Sharon 5 th
of November 1831— Concluded with
prayer—

Adjourned to meet at Hillsboro' during the
Sessions of Synod.— Concluded with prayer.
Samuel L. Graham,
Stated Clerk of Orange Presbytery

Sharon. Nov. 5th 1831.—
The Presbytery of Orange met according to
adjournment.— Constituted with prayer.—
Present Revd. J. Paisley, E. Holister, J. L.
Graham & N. H. Harding.—
Mr. Holister was chosen Moderator & Mr.
Graham Clerk.—
Mr. Ferril delivered a discourse on the subject assigned him which was sustained as
a part of trial.—
Mr. Ferril was examined on the sacraments
& church government; & his examination was
sustained.—
The ordination Sermon was preached
by the Rev. J. L. Graham.
The Presbytery then proceeded to ordain & install
Mr. Ferril as pastor of the Sharon congregation,

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lay prayer & the laying on of the hands of Presbytery.— Mr Holister presided; & Mr Graham gave the charge to the Pastor, & Mr. Harding to the people.—

Adjourned to meet at the Red House the Friday before the second sabbath of Decr next.— Concluded with prayer.—

Samuel L Graham
Stated Clerk of Orange Presbytery

Red House Decr 8.th—

Members of Presbytery met according to adjournment, & there not being a quorum owing to the severity of the weather — they adjourned to Milton.

December 9th.. Presbytery met according to adjournment on yesterday.— Members present— The Rev. J. Pickard, J. Paisley, D. A. Penick, & J. Witherspoon.— a quorum being present, the Rev. J. Pickard was chosen Moderator — and J. Witherspoon Clerk.— Constituted with prayer — Mr Albertus L. Watts was examined on

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experimental Religion — The motives which induced him to desire the office of the Gospel Ministry.— On Philosophy, Church History & Government — Theology & the Greek Language.— He also delivered a lecture on the Text of Scripture assigned him.— all which the Presbytery approved as parts of trial.—

On motion — Resolved, that Presbytery do proceed to the ordination of Mr Watts. Sine Titulo — & that the ordination Sermon be preached on to-morrow morning 10th.

December 10th.

Presbytery met according to adjournment — Opened with prayer— The Rev. J. Witherspoon preached the ordination Sermon — Text Galatians 4 th 16th Verse — "Am I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth"?

After Sermon, the usual questions were put to the candidate — which questions being answered in the affirmative.— the Presbytery did by prayer & the imposition of their hands as the Law directs, solemnly ordain Mr. Alb—

ertus. L. Watts, to the office of the Gospel Ministry; — After which a charge was given to the newly ordained Evangelist, by the Rev. Daniel A. Penick & Mr. Watts invited to take his seat in Presbytery. —

Adjourned to meet in Raleigh at the time previously appointed.

Concluded with Prayer. —

Presbytery of Orange.
Raleigh N. C.
April 18. 1852. 9 O. C. A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. J. Witherspoon, from 1st Peter. 1: 23. "Being born again &c"

Constituted with prayer.

Present — E. B. Currie, D. McPheeters, D. Caldwell, S. Paisley, J. Witherspoon, J. H. Pritchard, E. Graves, E. Hollister, S. L. Graham. E. W. Carruthers, A. D. Montgomery, M. Osborne, J. Weatherby, D. A. Penick, W. Neill, J. Rankin, N. H. Harding, A. Wilson, G. Ferrell, A. L. Watts, Ministers —

J. Mebane, R. Turner, W. Murrow, R. Ross, J. M. Wiggins, W Brown, J. Bullock, A Hardy, W. M. Lewis, W Baird, R. Mebane. Elders —

Absent — W. Paisley, E. Mitchell, L. D. Hatch, D. L. Russell, H. P. Goodrich, S. E. Weller —

Adjourned to meet tomorrow Morning at 9 O'clock —. Concluded with prayer

April 19th, 9 O. clock. A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer — Present as above — The minutes of the last meeting were read. — The Revd Daniel A. Penick was chosen moderator, and the Revd Isaac Rankin and Mr James M. Wiggins were chosen Clerks.

2 Absentees from the last Stated Sessions of Presbytery rendered excuses —

3 The minutes of the last Stated Sessions, And of the adjourned meetings at Hillsborough, at Sharon and Red Bonds, were read —

A letter was received from Mr Alexander A. Osborne, a licentiate of this Presbytery, requesting a dismission, that he might be placed under the care of the East Hanover Presbytery — He was accordingly dismissed and recommended to their care as a licentiate of good standing with us —

A Committee was appointed Consisting of Dr Edwards, Dr M. Pheters, and A. D. Harding, to consider the expediency of making, in

some way, a record of the moral and religious effects of the meetings of Presbytery —

2 A letter was received from the Synod of New York respecting Baptism by a Roman Catholic Priest, which was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs Montgomery, Witherspoon, Osborne, Graham and Lacy —

3 Revd Thomas Lynch of the Presbytery of Western District, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding member —

Dr M.c Phetters and Mr Turner were appointed the Committee of Arrangements — The following Committees were appointed on Sessions Books — Cross-Roads and Saw-fields, Dr M.c Phetters and Mr Harris — Raleigh, Mr Harding and Mr Lacy — Chapel Hill, Mr E. B. Currie and Mr Lacy — Eno and Little river, Mr A. D. Montgomery and Mr Baird — Hillsborough Mr Harding and Mr Brown — Bethesda and Stony Creek, Mr Hollister and Mr Rollo — Bethlehem, Mr Hill and Mr Handy — Grassy Creek, Mr Witherspoon and Mr Lacy — Danville,

Mr Packard and Mr Graves — Washington,
Mr Rankin and Mr Wiggins — Milton, Mr
Graham and Mr Mahan — Oxford, Dr Cold-
well and Mr Bullock — Springfield, Mr
Powell and Mr Rodd — Sharon, Mr Weath-
erby and Mr Turner — Red House and
Braithaupt — Mr Wilson and Mr Wiggins —
New Hope and Carmel, Mr Walls and Mr
J. Mahan — Millcreek and Buffalo, Mr
Saint Paisley and Mr J. K. Packard — Bethel,
Mr E. B. Currie and Mr Rodd —

Messrs Harding and Mills were appoint-
ed a committee to receive the Contingent and Commissioners funds.

2 Messrs Wilson & Graham were appoint-
ed a committee on benevolent institutions — The resolution of the last Presbytery, directing the church of Lexington to be stricken from our list of Churches was rescinded, and the Stated Clerk was ordered to write to them on the subject —

2 Resolved that 50 cents be the semi-annual tax from each member of Presbytery for the Contingent fund —

2 A communication was received from the Executive Committee for foreign missions of the Synod of Pittsburg, which was committed to a Committee, consisting of Dr Coldwell, Messrs S. L. Graham, J. Witherspoon, Wm Baird, and J. Mahan —

A Communication was Received from St. Mr Guy requesting a removal of the Sentence of Suspension from Church Membership under which he lies; Whereupon, after the members had freely conversed on the subject, it was resolved that the Presbytery believe it unexpedient to take up that matter now, and that in the opinion of this Presbytery it would be unproper for any Church in our bounds to receive him while under Suspension —

3 The Church of Leasville recently organized, was by their own Request received

Received under the care of this Presbytery—

1 Resolved that the Revd A. Wilson be installed pastor of Spring Grove, the Second Sabbath of July next — Revd C. B. Currie was appointed to preach the Sermon. A. L. Walls, his alternate, Revd S. L. Graham to give the Charge to the pastor, S. Paisley to give the Charge to the people, and A. H Harding his alternate —

2 A Communication was received from Revd Mathew Carey of Philadelphia, which was committed to the Committee on Benevolent Institutions —

2 Revd George C. Christy, an ordained minister, formerly in Connexion with the Methodist Church, having applied to be received as a member of this Presbytery, was heard in a general Statement of his relation with the Methodist Church & his reasons for seeking Connexion

with us, when after some Consultation it was resolved we would proceed to examine him preparatory to his admission to our Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 O' clock. — Concluded with prayer —

April 20th. 9 O. clock A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, — present as before — Opened with prayer —

The minutes of yesterday were read — Revd Samuel Heed a member of the West-Hanover Presbytery being present, was invited to sit with us as a corresponding member —

1 The Committee on the Communication of the Synod of Pittsburg, reported, and their report was accepted — After some time was spent in discussing said report, the discussion was arrested to make way for the order of the day respecting devotional exercises —

Doct Wm A. Shaw a ruling Elder from Washington, N. C. appeared and took his seat as a member of Presbytery —

The Presbytery proceeded according to a standing order, to spend a few hours in devotional exercises, and in Conversation on the subject appointed at the last Stated Session—

The first Conversation on the State of Religion within our bounds, being the order of the day for this afternoon, the Presbytery proceeded to the Conversation— The Committees appointed to examine the Sessions Books reported, and their Reports were accepted and adopted—

Mr Chesley was again introduced and examined on Theology — Presbytery proceeded to take the vote on all the Subjects on which he had been examined, which resulted in sustaining the whole: whereupon, on his answering the affirmation, the usual questions proposed to Candidates for Ordination, he was received as a member of this Presbytery and invited to take a seat— Mr. Saml S. Downey Ruling Elder from Granby Church appeared and took his seat—

A Call from the Church of Rocky Run, in the Presbytery of Concord, for the ministerial Labors of the Revd Daniel Lindley, a licentiate of our Presbytery, accompanied with all the Certificates necessary to show that the proper steps had been taken in regard to the Presbytery in which the Congregation is situated, was presented to the Presbytery, and on motion it was resolved to put the Call into his hands, and agreeably to his own request, he is hereby dismissed to be placed under the Care of the Presbytery of Concord, and is recommended to them as a licentiate in good Standing — Mr William Huntington, a ruling Elder from Hillsborough, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat—

Mr Joseph I. Gray read an exegesis on the thesis, "An Filius sit æqualis Deo patri"; a Critical exercise on Rom 6: 3. 4. a dissertation on the 130 Psalm, and a popular Sermon on John 6. 37, all of which were sustained as parts of trial—

Presbytery adjourned — Concluded with prayer.

April 29th. half past 8. O. clock

Presbytery met according to adjournment—
Opened with prayer— Present as above — The minutes of yesterday were read—

Resolved, That the next Stated Sessions of Presbytery be held at Milton, Wednesday the fifth of September at 7 O. Clock P. M.

The Association Committee on education made a report which was accepted — Whereupon the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the present state of the Education funds of this Presbytery in connexion with the importance of the Education Cause, calls loudly for greater exertion on the part of the Ministers and people within our bounds —

2. That the Education Committee be instructed to employ forthwith one or more suitable agents to visit our Churches, and solicit their contributions in aid of this Cause, and that said Committee make such Compensation to the Agents as they may deem proper —

3. That the members of this Presbytery will to the utmost of their ability aid the Agents in the discharge of the duties of their agency —

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Synod of N. Y. in relation to Baptism by a Catholic Priest, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted. viz. Resolved, That this Presbytery is of opinion that Baptism by a Roman Catholic Priest is valid — The Stated Clerk was directed to forward to the proper person a Copy of the foregoing resolution —

The Stated Clerk read his Statistic report, which was accepted and adopted, and he was directed to forward it to the Stated Clerk of the Gen. Assembly —

A letter was received from the Rev. Sidney Waller, apologizing for his absence from the present Sessions of the Presbytery —

The Committee appointed to take Notes

on the [illegible] Constitution on the Subject of
relig in within our bounds, and to prepare a
narration for the Genral Assembly, made
a report, which was accepted amended and
adopted —

Resolved, That in addition to the Contributions
hitherto reported at the Spring Meetings of
the Presbytery, the Sessions of the several
Churches under our Care be instructed to
report also, at the same Meetings, a Con-
=tribution in aid of the Contingent fund
of the General Assembly —

Resolved, That this Presbytery do Cordia-
=ly approve of the Monthly distribution of
tracts —

The Committee to prepare a Tract on "a
Call to the Ministry", reported that
they were not prepared to report the tract
and they were directed to prepare it before
the next Presbytery —

Resolved, That the Subject for Conference
at the next Stated Meetings of Presby-

tery be, — what Constitutes a call to the
ministry? —

Mr Joseph T. Gray was introduced
and examined on Theology, Church History,
Church Government, and the Sacraments,
all of which were sustained as parts of
trial; and it was resolved that Mr
Gray be licensed this evening —

Presbytery had a recess till half past three
o. clock this afternoon —

The election of Commissioners was made
the order of the day for half past three
o. clock, this evening —

The following persons were appointed to
attend the next meeting of the General
Assembly —

Wm McPheeters D.D.	Saml Presbyterian
John Witherspoon	James Weatherby.
Saml L. Graham	N. H. Harding Alternate
Robt Ross Elder.	Gen Bryant
D. Wm A. Shaw	Wm Huntington
D. Atkinson	W Baird —

Mr Weatherby's pastoral relation with the Church at Washington was dissolved.

The Committee appointed to draw up a minute on the Subject of the moral and religious effect of the Meetings of the Presbytery, made a report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:-

Resolved, That in future it shall be the duty of the pastor or Stated Supply of the Church at which the Presbytery from time to time holds its Stated Meetings, to draw up a minute account or narration of the profitable good done during the Sessions of Presbytery, Constituting what may be considered a moral history of the meeting of the body &c-

That the said narration or account be Submitted to the next Stated Meeting, and after receiving such additions or ammendments as may be thought necessary, it shall be added as an appendix to

the minutes of the Presbytery.

A letter was received from Solon Chase, a free man of Color, and a licentiate under the Care of the Presbytery, stating his difficulties and embarrassments in consequence of an act passed at the last Session of the Legislature of this State, forbidding free people of Color to preach.

Whereupon: Resolved, That Presbytery in view of all the Circumstances of the Case, recommend to their licentiate to acquiesce in the decision of the Legislature referred to, until God in his providence shall open to him the path of duty, in regard to the exercise of his Ministry -

The report of the Committee on the Communications on foreign missions, was taken up, and after Considerable discussion, was laid over to the next Stated Sessions of Presbytery - A written request was received from the Congregation

of New Hope for the ordination of Mr Phillip Pearson, sometitulo, whereupon Presbytery appointed the Friday before the fourth Sabbath in June, for his Ordination — The Revd Dr Caldwell was appointed to preside and give the Charge, Mr Samd Paisley, to preach the Sermon, Messrs Mitchell & Currie Attendants —

At Raleigh, the 21st day of April 1832. the Presbytery of Orange, having received testimonials in favour of Joseph S. Gray, of his having gone through a regular Course of Literature; of his good moral Character, and of his being in Communion of the Church: proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given Satisfactin as to his accomplishments in literature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in divinity and

other Studies; The Presbytery did and hereby do express their approbation of all their parts of trial: and he having adopted the Confession of faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did and hereby do license him, the said Joseph S. Gray to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a Probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wheresoever else he shall be orderly called —

Presbytery adjourned to meet at New Hope on the Friday before the 4th Sabbath in June — Concluded with prayer —

Sam.l L. Graham Stated Clerk

Presbytery of Orange
New Hope 22 June 1832

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by Dr Coldwell. Present

Revd J. Coldwell D.D.
" I. Paisley
" J. Witherspoon
" E. Mitchell
" G. Ferrell
Elder.
James Hart.

Revd Dr Coldwell was appointed Moderator, pro tem, and E. Mitchell Clerk pro tem.

Mr P. Pierson was examined on Theology and Church History — Mr Pierson also read a discourse on the subject assigned him — Which exercises were sustained as parts of trial previous to ordination — On Motion. Resolved that Mr Pierson be ordained to day at the usual hour of public worship —

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The Presbytery did accordingly proceed to ordain Mr Pierson at the time appointed as an Evangelist by Prayer & the laying on of hands of the Presbytery according to the Apostolical example — Mr J Paisley preached the Sermon and Dr Caldwell presided & gave the charge to the newly ordained Minister — Adjourned to meet at Milton the 5th of September next — Closed with Prayer —

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Presbytery of Orange N.C.

Milton. Septem^r. 5^th 1832
Wednesday 7 O'Clock P.M.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev^d H. P. Goodrich from 1 Cor: 4: 2. "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."
The Presbytery was constituted with prayer, the following members being present, viz:
Ministers.- E. B. Currie, S. Paisley, J. Witherspoon, J. A. Pickard, E. Graves, E. Hollister, G. C. Chesley, S. L. Graham, E. W. Caruthers, A. D. Montgomery, M. Osborne, D. A. Penick, H. P. Goodrich, J. Rankin, G. Ferrell, A. L. Watts, A. Wilson, P. Pierson -
Elders.- Jos: Smith, C. Pickard, J. Atkinson, C. L. Read, R. Donnell, N. M. Lewis, J. Gordon, H. McAden, A. Strain, W. Sterrett, J. P. Atkinson -
Absent.- W. Paisley, J. Caldwell D.D., W. M. Sheeters D.D. E. Mitchell, J. W. Douglass, W. Neill, D. L. Rupell,

N. H. Harding, J. Weatherby, S. E. Weller -
Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 O'Clock
Concluded with prayer -

Sept^r 6^th 1832 - 9 O'Clock -

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, opened with prayer - present as above.
Rev^d A. Wilson was chosen Moderator, and E. Hollister, and P. Pierson, Clerks -
The minutes of the last Presbytery were read -
Rev^d S. Hurd a member of West Hanover Presbytery being present, was invited to take his seat as corresponding member -
The Churches of Clarksville and of Louisburg were received under the care of Presbytery.
Mr. D. A. Penick, and N. M. Lewis were appointed a Committee of arrangements -
Mess^rs Graham, Witherspoon, and Read were appointed a Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly.
Mess^rs Hollister and Osborne were appointed a Committee on the Education Fund.
Mr. Hollister was appointed Treasurer pro tem.
The Commissioners to the General Assembly reported -

Messrs Goodrich and Witherspoon were appointed a committee to divide the members of Presbytery agreeably to a resolution of 1830, into four Committees for conducting the examination of candidates.

The committee on a call to the ministry, reported that they had attended to the duty, and that the chairman sent the paper to the Presbytery at the last meeting, but that the Messenger failed to deliver it, and pobibly still retains it.

The committee was continued.

Mr. I. I. Rainey. an Elder from the Red House congregation, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member. ×

Mr James Montgomery an Elder from Bethany. appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

Resolved, That this Presbytery cordially approve the plan of S. Hazard Esqr. for publishing a Historical Journal of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and recommend, that the Ministers of thes Presbytery urge upon their respective Churches the impostance of patronizing said Journal.

Resolved, That the next stated meeting of Presbytery take place at Shiloh, on the Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in April next at 12 O'clock.

The Presbytery having maturely considered the Rule authorizing Pro re nata meetings of Synods sent down by the General assembly of 1832,

Resolved, That is the opinion of this Presbytery that it should become a Constitutional Rule.

Messrs Currie, Graham and Dr Atkinson were appointed a Committee to consider the case of Mr Chavis, and report.

Mr Pickard obtained leave of absence from the remaining sesions of this Presbytery. ×

The Committee on the Education fund reported that they had received the following Sums, viz:

From Bethesda	$ 6.00
" Hillsborough	17.00
" Greensborough	6.00
" Nutbush	3.50
" New Hope	3.25
" Hawfields & Crop Roads	3.00
" do. (contents of a Missionary box Kept by the late Mrs Elizabeth Mebane)	4.08
" Shiloh	10.00
	$52.83

In addition to which the Committee have been informed that the Nutbush Church has paid to the treasurer of Presbytery, since last meeting $24. and that there has been expended in the support of beneficiaries, by Shiloh $20.– and by Bethlehem $85.–

Resolved, That Congregations delinquent on the Education Fund, be required to report their contributions at the next stated meeting of Presbytery–

A petition was presented from the Speedwell Congregation, which was refered to the Committee of Supplies–

The Committee of Missions reported, and their report was accepted–

The recommendation of the Committee of Missions respecting the performance of some Missionary labour, by those Ministers who are pastors. was refered to a Committee, consisting of the following persons, viz:

Messrs Paisley, Witherspoon, Graham, Montgomery, Rankin, Penick, Read and Gordon–

Mr. James Mebane an Elder from Hawfields and Cross Roads appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a Member–

Mr. Alexander Mebane, a member of East Hanover Presbytery, being present, was invited to take his seat as Corresponding Member–

The Presbytery proceeded to appoint a standing Executive Committee of Missions, consisting of the following persons:

Drs Caldwell, McSheeters, Messrs S. Paisley, J. Witherspoon, D. A. Penick, S. Pierson, F. Nash, R. Bullock, W. Huntington–

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject of religious instruction of black people, and report to this Presbytery–

The Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs Currie, Osborne, Goodrich, Graves, Montgomery Chesley, Pierson and Watts Donnell, Atkinson, McAdin, & Jas Montgomery–

Resolved, That the Education Committee be directed to write to all the Churches within the bounds of this Presbytery, presenting the claims of the Cause of Education, and requesting the Pastor or in vacant churches, the Elders, to read the letter to the people, on the first favourable occasion, and to receive

and transmit to the treasurer without delay, the contributions which the Church may be pleased to make.

The Education Committee reported and their reported was accepted.

The Committee appointed on the subject of Missionary labour to be performed by the Members of Presbytery, reported, and their report was accepted and adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That in view of the present state of the Church, our Congregations which have pastors or stated supplies be affectionately requested to permit their Ministers to labour one month in our destitute congregations according to the following arrangement;

Washington, Messrs Hurd, and Harding.
Louisburg. " Watts and Graham.
Lexington. " S. Paisley " J. Witherspoon.
Haw River and Speedwell. Messrs Wm Paisley, Chesley, J. Pickard, E. W. Caruthers.
Greers. Messrs E. B. Currie, Ferrell, and Lynch.
Danville. " Penick and Wilson.

Raleigh. Messrs Hollister and Montgomery.
Clarksville. " Osborne, Goodrich and Graves.
Harmony and Carmel. J. Witherspoon & P. Pierson.

Resolved, That the "Presbyterian Register" proposed to be published in Newbern, be recommended to the patronage of the churches.

The Presbytery proceeded to appoint a standing Executive Committee of Education, consisting of the following persons, viz:

Dr. J. Caldwell, and Messrs H. P. Goodrich, J. L. Graham, E. Hollister, N. H. Harding, A. Wilson, A. L. Watts, C. L. Read, A. W. Venable, and J. Bullock.

Collections were taken up for contingent fund of Presbytery, and Stated Clerk of Synod. $16.50 for contingent fund of Presbytery, and $16.50 for Stated Clerk of Synod.

Messrs Graham, Osborne & Watts were appointed a Com: to prepare a Statistical report to Synod.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 9 O'Clock. Concluded with prayer.

Sept. 7th 1832 - 9 O'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present

as above.. Opened with prayer..

Dr. I. L. Wortham, an elder from Sharon, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member..

The Committee on the religious instruction of the black people, presented a report, which was accepted, and being amended, was adopted and is as follows:

Resolved, That every minister and licentiate of this Presbytery be earnestly requested to preach at least one Sermon on each Sabbath, to the blacks and that they call to their aid in giving religious instruction, in conducting their meetings, and in watching over the Spiritual interests of the black Congregation, such intelligent, prudent and active laymen as they may need..

Mr. I. M. Wiggins an elder from the Church in Oxford, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member..

The afternoon was spent by Presbytery in religious exercises and in conference on the question; "What constitutes a call to the ministry?".

The following question was appointed as the subject for conference, viz: "What is the best remedy for the peculiar difficulties in the way of the usefulness of Presbyterian Ministers?"

Mr. Rankin obtained leave of absence during the remaining Sessions of Presbytery..

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 O. Clock.. Concluded with prayer..

Sept. 8th. 1832. 9 O. Clock

Presbytery met according to adjournment.. present as above.. Opened with prayer..

The Committee for dividing the members of Presbytery into four committees, for conducting the examination of candidates, made a report, which being amended was adopted.., and is as follows:

First Committee, to examine on English, Latin Greek and Hebrew Languages, on Rhetoric, Logic, Moral Philosophy and Modern Geography, Dr. McFheeters, and Messrs. Goodrich, Weller, Harding, Osborne, Douglass and Wilson..

Second Committee, to examine on Mathematicks Natural Philosophy and Astronomy -. Messrs Wm. Paisley, Hollister, Caruthers, Mitchell, Montgomery Rupell & Chesley -.

Third Committee to examine on Jewish Antiquities Ancient Geography, Chronology, Church History and Church Government -. Messrs S. Paisley, Penick, Graves, Neill, Weatherby and Ferrell.

Fourth Committee, to examine on Didactic, Polemic, and Pastoral Theology -. Dr. Caldwell Messrs Currie, Witherspoon, Hatch, Graham, Rankin and Watts -.

The committee to whom the case of Mr. Chavis was referred, reported, that they recommend that a collection be taken up among the members of this Presbytery for Mr. Chavis, and that a committee be appointed to take measures for the removal of Mr. Chavis, into the bounds of some Presbyterian Congregation -.

A collection was accordingly taken up amounting to $52.42½ -.

The committee on the minutes of the General

Assembly reported as follows, and their report was accepted and adopted;

Resolved, That the form of representation to the General Assembly be not changed from Presbyterial to Synodical -.

Resolved, That the second section of the 12th Chapter of the form of government be so altered as to read as follows, viz:

"The General Assembly shall consist of an equal delegation of Bishops and Elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion, viz: each Presbytery consisting of not more than twenty four ministers shall send one minister and one Elder, and each Presbytery consisting of more than twenty four ministers, shall send two ministers and two Elders, and in the like proportion for every twenty four ministers in every Presbytery; and these delegates so appointed shall be styled Commissioners to the General Assembly" -.

The Moderator of the General Assembly having recommended Thursday the 13th of September, as a

day of fasting and prayer.
Resolved. That this Presbytery recommend to their Congregations under their care to observe the day accordingly.
Resolved. That this Presbytery consider our beneficiaries as under a moral obligation to refund the monies expended by the Education Committee in their Education, unless the Presbytery release from their obligation.
x Mr. S. Paisley obtained leave of absence + during the remaining Sessions of Presbytery. +
Resolved. That when the Presbytery adjourn, they will adjourn to meet during the Sessions of Synod at the Call of the Moderator.
Mr. Elton an Elder from the church in Louisburg appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member. +
What it be a standing Rule of Presbytery that a Collection be taken up at our fall meeting for the Education Committee, and at the Spring meeting for the Missionary Committee.
Concluded with Singing and prayer

and the apostolick benediction. +

Nineteenth Session of the Synod of N Ca
Salisbury 19th Oct 1832
Thus far examined and Approved

J Williamson Mod

Presbytery of Orange N.C.

Salisbury, October 18th 1832.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer - Present Ministers, W. Paisley, J. Witherspoon, E. Hollister, S. L. Graham, D. A. Penick, M. Osborne, N.H. Harding, A. Wilson, and A. D. Montgomery.
Elders, J. Mebane & S. S. Downey -.
A call from the Briery Congregation, within the bounds of the West Hanover Presbytery, to M. Osborne, inviting him to become their pastor. ~~and~~ was laid before Presbytery, and being found in order was put into Mr Osborne's hands, -.
Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at the Call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer -.

October 19th 1832.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator -. Present as above -. Mr Osborne informed the Presbytery, that he declined accepting the call put into his hands yesterday; Whereupon, it was

resolved. that said call be returned to the Priory Congregation.

On motion. Resolved that the Revd I. Witherspoon be appointed to attend to any cases of discipline that may occur in the church at Lexington. & that the Revd A. D. Montgomery be requested to ordain any elders the Congregation may elect

During the recess of Presbytery. The Treasurer informed the Presbytery the sum of $200. had come into his hands from his predecessor in office with no designation of the particular fund to which it belonged. & that is impossible to ascertain any thing in relation to it, whereupon Resolved. That the Treasurer be directed to add the said sum to the Education fund.

Adjourned to meet at Shiloh the 24th April 1833.

Concluded with prayer.

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* See page 57.

Absent. W. Paisley. W. McPheeters D.D. - J. Caldwell D.D. I. Witherspoon, E. Graves, L. D. Hatch, E. Mitchell, J. Matherly M. Osborne, S. E. Weller, W. Neill, I. A. Pickard, & E. W. Caruthers.

Presbytery of Orange. N.C.

Shiloh. April 24th 1833.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Revd Alexr Wilson, Moderator, from II Tim: 2: 23. "But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes".

Presbytery was constituted with prayer. The following members were present, viz:

Ministers. E. B. Currie, I. Paisley, E. Hollister, I. L. Graham, A. D. Montgomery, I. W. Douglas, D. A. Penick, H. P. Goodrich, N. H. Harding, D. L. Russell, A. Wilson, G. W. Ferrell, A. L. Watts & P. Pierson*.

Elders. Samuel Tate, William Clark, H. Young, I. P. Raney, H. McAden, I. L. Wortham, I. Daniel, & David Hart, W. M. Lewis & Step: K. Sneed.

Revd Thomas Lynch presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of the Western District to join this Presbytery, Resolved that he be received. The Revd N. H. Harding was chosen Moderator,

and Messrs D. A. Penick & S. K. Sneed. Clerks.
The minutes of the last Sessions of Presbytery were read.
Revd Mr Pickard appeared in Presbytery, and took his Seat.
The Revd Geo. W. Ferrell ~~made application for~~ dissolution of the pastoral relation between him and the Sharon Church. The Elder of that Church informed the Presbytery, that the said Church concurred in the application.
Resolved that the request be granted.
The following Committees were appointed to examine the Session Books. Viz.
Messrs S. Paisley & Hart. on the Session Books of Hawfield's & Cross Roads.
Messrs Hollister & Daniel. Enoe & Little River.
" Montgomery & McAden. Grassy Creek.
" Goodrich & Wortham. Red House & Bethany.
" Douglas & Sneed. Milton.
" Spring Grove & Sharon. Messrs Ferrell & Lewis
" Wilson & Clark. Oxford.
" Pierson & Young. Nutbush.

Messrs Watts & Tate. Lexington.
" Lynch & Rainey. Clarksville.
" Rufell & Sneed. Louisburg.
" Penick & Lewis. Raleigh & Washington
" Graham & McAden. New Hope & Newbern.
" S. Paisley & Hart. Stony Creek & Bethesda.
" Hollister & Daniel. Greensboro. Bethel, Alamance & Buffaloe.
" Goodrich & Wortham. Bethlehem
" Rufell & Sneed. Carmel & Harmony & Danville.
" Wilson & Clark. Chapel Hill & Hillsboro.
" Rufell & Sneed. Haw River & Speedwell.

Messrs Graham & Young were appointed a Committee of arrangements.
A letter from Mr John Chavis was presented to Presbytery. Resolved that it be refered to Messrs Graham & Downey the committee heretofore appointed on Mr Chavis's case.
A Call to the Revd George W. Ferrell for his pastoral services, from the New Hope Church, was presented to Presbytery and read, & being found in order

Resolved that the said Call be put into the hands of Mr. Ferrell –.

Mr. John S. McCutchen, a Licentiate under the Care of Lexington Presbytery, presented a letter of dismission to join this Presbytery, and on motion was received accordingly –.

Messrs Douglass, Goodrich & Lewis were appointed a committee to receive applications for ordinations "sine titulo" –.

Resolved, That the free conversation on the state of Religion be the order of the day for Friday Morning 9 O'clock.

Resolved that the receiving of Sessional Reports be the order of the day for tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock –.

Messrs Hollister & Goodrich were appointed to take notes on the free conversation on the state of religion & draw up a narrative to be forwarded to the General Assembly –.

Mr. Carruthers & Dr. Scott (Elder from Buffalo) appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats –.

Revd. Jno. McLean a member of West Hanover

being present was invited to sit as corresponding member –.

Resolved that it be a standing rule of this Presbytery that absent members be requested to pay their quota's to the Contingent fund at the stated meeting or when they shall be present.

The Committee on Ordinations sine titulo. recommended that the Presbytery take order for the Ordination of Mr. J. S. McCutchen at Warrenton, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath June. which report was adopted –.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 8½ O'clock.

Concluded with prayer –.

Thursday April 25th – 8½ O'clock A.M.

Presbytery met – Members present as above – united in prayer –. The minutes of yesterday were read –

Mr. Frederick Nash, an Elder from the Church in Hillsboro, appeared in Presbytery, & took his seat –.

Resolved, that at the ordination of Mr. McCutchan. Mr. Graham preside. Mr. Hollister his

alternate; Mr. Wilson preach the sermon,
Dr. McSheeters his alternate, Mr. D. L. Rufsell
give the Charge to the minister & Mr Watts
his alternate; & that Rom: 5:1. be assigned to
Mr. McCutchan. as a subject for a discourse,
preparatory to ordination –.
Sessional reports the order of the day for
9 O'clock were called for & received –.
The standing order of the day was taken up
& Presbytery spent the forenoon in religious Conference
on the subject. "What is the best remedy for the
peculiar difficulties in the way of the usefulness
of presbyterian ministers?" –
The following subject was chosen for conference
at the next stated Meeting – Viz. "Is a pastoral
or itenerant life. in general. more favourable
to ministerial usefulness?"
The Revd. Geo. Chesley, & Mr. John Atkinson,
an elder from Carmel Church. appeared in
Presbytery & took their seats –.
Presbytery had a recess till after preaching –.
The Treasurer of Presbytery reported. His report

was received and committed to the Stated
and Temporal Clerks to be audited –.
A Letter from the Revd. John Witherspoon, respecting
Missionary matters was received and read –
The Letter was referred to a Committee consisting
of Messrs. Paisley, Wilson, Goodrich, Penick & Sneed –
Resolved that the next stated sessions of Presbytery,
be at New Hope, on Wednesday before the 2nd
Sabbath in September –.
Messrs Goodrich, Penick & Harding, with W. L
Paisley, Graham & Rufsell, as their alternates,
were appointed Commissioners to the General
Assembly. & Elders – Messrs Venable, W. M. Lewis,
& S. K. Sneed, & as their alternates, Messrs Nash,
Turner & Johnson
Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 O'clock –
Concluded with prayer –.

Friday Morning 9 O'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment –
present as above – united in prayer –.
The committees on the Session Books of Oxford
Nutbush. Little River, & Enon, Milton, Bethany,

Grapey Creek, Spring Grove, and New Hope reported and recommended that the records be approved - The reports were adopted -.
The Committee on the Records of Crop Roads & Hawfields - reported and recommended that they be approved - with two exceptions -
1. That Members were received by the Session of Stoney Creek into the Church of Crop Roads & 2. That an individual was suspended - without any record of the Crime for which he was suspended - The Report was adopted -
The Committee on the Records of Danville reported, & recommended that they be approved to page 57, with the following exceptions, viz^t -:
1. That on page 55. there is notice of a Call being made out for a minister, & also a notice that the person called, had declined, without any evidence, that the call ever was passed through the hands of the Presbytery -:
2. On the same, & the following pages, there is a similar transaction in relation to another Minister -: & 3.: on page 56. there is a

minute of business done, without any other evidence of a meeting of Session -
The order of the day, the free conversation on the Subject of Religion, was taken up -. after which Presbytery had a recess till after publick Worship -.
Dr. Thomas P. Atkinson & Dr. C. Payne, elders, appeared in Presbytery & took their seats -.
The Ministers were called to state, whether they had complied with the order of last presbytery, in reference to Missionary labour -
A call for the pastoral services of Mr. Alex^r Wilson, from the Church of Sharon, was presented and read; and being found in order, it was Resolved, that the call be placed the hands of Mr. Wilson -.
Resolved that the name of the Church of Shar be changed to that of Geneva -.
Resolved that Mess^rs S. Paisley, Rufsell & Dr. Atkinson be a Committee of supplies -.
Resolved that Mess^rs Wilson, Harding, Rufsell, Goodrich & Graham & Dr. Atkinson & Sneed

be a committee to enquire into the expediency of altering, & if expedient, what alterations are necessary in the mode of preparing young men for the Gospel Ministry during their literary course of study, and report at the next meeting of Presbytery -.
Resolved that Messrs Sneed. McAden, Wortham, Rufsell & Penick be a committee to report some plan by which the Sums necessary to defray the expences of our delegates to the Genl Assembly may be regularly and promptly collected & forwarded to the treasurer of Presbytery -.
The auditing Committee reported that they had examined the accounts of the treasurer. & found them to have been correctly kept, and accompanied by the requisite vouchers. The report was adopted -.
Mr Forrest read a Critical Exercise, on Eph: 1. 23 -. which was sustained as a part of trial,
Resolved that Messrs Goodrich, Wilson, J. Paisley & Watts be appointed to examine Mr Forrest

on the several Subjects. on which he has not hitherto been examined -. Messrs Clark, Atkinson and Wortham were added to the Committee -.
Mr Forrest then read a Lecture, on Luke 1. 1-9 - which was sustained as parts of trial -.
The Stated Clerk read a Statistical Report, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly -.
Messrs Rainey & Chesley obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of Presbytery
Resolved that Mr Hollister be appointed Assistant Treasurer, during the absence of Mr Harding -.
Adjourned till tomorrow morning - 8 O'clock.
Concluded with prayer -.

Apl 27th Saturday Morning 8 O'clock *

The Committee on the Session Books of Red House reported and recommended that they be approved with one exception, Viz. - That Mr John Elmore was suspended from the privileges of the Church after only one citation - he refusing to appear

* Presbytery met agreeable to adjournment - same present as above - united in prayer -

before the Sesion. The Report was adopted.

The Education committee reported & the Report was approved

The Committee on Commissioners funds reported that in their opinion the most equitable plan for raising the necessary amount, is that of dividing it between the several congregations, in proportion to their ability, as nearly as it can be done. After this year we shall be entitled to four delegates, this multiplied into $60. (the amount apunned as the expense of each) gives $240., & this we have divided, with as much equity as possible among the churches, and recommend that they be requested to forward at each Spring meeting of Presbytery the following sums, Viz't.:

Hawfields	$	7	50	8.	25	Oxford	$	12 –	13 20
Cross Roads		7	50	8.	25	Washington		12 –	13 20
Grapy Creek		16 –		17.	60	Milton		10 –	11.
Hillsboro		15 –		16.	50	Nuttbush		10 –	11.
Raleigh		15 –		16	50	Greensboro		10	11.

Danville	$	10 –	11 –		Harmony	$	5 –	5	50
Red House		8 –	8	80	Chapel Hill		5 –	5	50
Newbern		10 –	11		Geneva		5 –	5	50
Allemance		8 –	8	80	Bethany		5 –	5	50
Buffaloe		8 –	8	80	Greers		4 –	4	40
Enoe		6 –	6	60	New Hope		3 –	3	30
Little River		6 –	6	60	Louisburg		2 –	2	20
Spring Grove		5 –	5	50	Carmel		2 –	2	20
Lexington		5 –	5	50	Speedwell		2 –	2	20
Clarksville		5 –	5	50	Haw River		2 –	2	20
Stony Creek		5 –	5	50	Leaksville		2 –	2	20
Bethesda		5 –	5	50	Warrenton		2 –	2	20
Bethel		5 –	5	50	Bethlehem		2 –	2	20
Shiloh		11			High Rock		2		
Grapy Creek		5							

Mr. S. Young an Agent of the Western Foreign Mission Society was permitted to address Presbytery in regard to the objects of that Society; Whereupon. Resolved that he and the object which

he has in view, be affectionately recommended to the Churches under the care of Presbytery.
Resolved, that the resolution found on page 78 of our printed Minutes in relation to the obligation of beneficiaries to refund monies expended in their education be rescinded.
The committee appointed for that purpose presented an essay on a Call to the Ministry which being read, was recommitted to the Committee with a view of rendering it more perfect.
Rev.d A. Wilson made known to Presbytery that he had accepted the call, which he had received from Geneva Church.
Messrs Paisley, Penick & Currie were appointed a Committee to install Rev.d A. Wilson as pastor of Geneva church, on saturday before 2nd Sabbath in July. Mr. Penick preach the sermon, Mr. Watts his alternate, Mr. Paisley to give the charge to the people Mr. Currie to the pastor, Mr. Hollister his alternate.
Rev.d George W. Ferrell made known to the Presbytery that he had accepted the call which had been placed in his hands from New Hope Church

Resolved that his installation take place at New Hope on the Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in May next. Samuel Paisley preach the sermon, A. Wilson give the charge to the people, D. L. Rupell, to the pastor.
The Subject of ministerial usefulness having been under discussion, and the plan of settlement for life, or for a long term of years, being thought not always for the literary and spiritual growth either of the minister, or of the people; whilst however the family or the circumstances otherwise of the Minister make it sometimes difficult to remove: Therefore, It is recommended to all our ministers and churches to enquire whether a temporary exchange of ministers, for a term of weeks, or months might not be occasionally made, to the profit and gratification of all concerned; the arrangements, of course, to be made by the parties, and when all are satisfied; the Presbytery hereby expresses its approbation.
An overture was laid before Presbytery, proposing to the Gen.l Assembly to give more extended statistical information to the churches through

the minutes of that body, Resolved that said overture be forwarded to the General Asembly..

The committee appointed to consider the contents of the Rev.d J. Witherspoon's letter report that they have done so, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

1. Resolved that the treasurer of the Missionary Society be requested to pay over to the treasurer of Presbytery the funds in his hands, and transfer to him the bonds, notes and other evidences of debt, and that Thomas B. Littlejohn & S. K. Sneed be an auditing committee to examine the accounts and report to the next meeting of Presbytery—

2. Resolved that as the agent of the Executive Committee of Missions is absent, the subject of his compensation refered to in his letter to the Presbytery be defered until the fall meeting of Presbytery—.

Resolved that Messrs Harding, Rupell, Mitchell Bingham, & Venable be requested to deliver addresses

on the subject of temperance at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to examine Mr. Forrest reported reported that they had attended to that duty, & have examined Mr. Forrest on Logick, Rhetorick, Natural Philosophy, Church History & Church Government and Natural & Revealed religion, and recommend that his examination be sustained, which report was accepted and adopted—.

Mr. Forrest read a Sermon from 51st Psalm 17 which was sustained as a part of trial—.

Resolved that Mr. Forest be licenced to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Gospel Ministry—.

At Shiloh the 27th day of April 1833. the Presbytery of Orange having received testimonials in favour of W. P. Forrest of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral character; and of his being in the Communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts for his licensure: and he having

given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and he having adopted the Confession of faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do license him, the said Forrest to preach the gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy Ministry, within the bounds of this presbytery, and wherever else he shall be orderly called.-

The Committee of Supplies made their report which was accepted and is as follows,

That the Revd Messrs Currie, Lynch, and Ferrell preach two sabbaths each at the Green Springs

Revd Messrs Penick, Watts, and Wilson spend two weeks each at Harmony.-

Revd Messrs Pickard, Caruthers, & S. Paisley one sabbath each at Speedwell or Haw River.-

Revd Messrs Rankin & Penick one sabbath each at Danville.-

Revd S. L. Graham at Clarksville as often as convenient

Revd Messrs Montgomery, Ferrell, Wilson, & S. Paisley one sabbath each at Greer's church.-

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Warrenton on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in June.-

Presbytery of Orange

Warrenton. June 21st 1833.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment. The following members were present. Viz.
Ministers. A. L. Watts, Alexander Wilson. D. L. Rufsell & Sidney Weller,..
Elder, Robert Cheek.
Presbytery was constituted with prayer.
A. L. Watts was chosen Moderator pro tem:, and Sidney Weller Clerk pro.tem. —
Application was received from Joseph J. Gray a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery to be dismissed, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Madison. Ind. Resolved that this requested be granted, and that he be dismissed as a licentiate in good and regular standing —.
On motion it was resolved to enter on the examination of John S. M'Cutchan with a

*Mr. M'Cutchen preached a Sermon on subject & pieces, which was sustained..

view to ordination. Mr. McCutchan was examined on all the branches specified in the book of discipline, and his examination being fully sustained, Presbytery resolved to proceed to his Ordination tomorrow morning at 11 O'clock. Adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator... Closed with prayer..

Saturday. June 22nd - 11 O'Clock -

Presbytery met according to adjournment & proceeded to ordain Mr. McCutchen to the work of an Evangelist, he having answered the questions required in the book of discipline - In the absence of Revd S. L. Graham, Revd A. L. Watts presided, and made the ordaining prayer, Revd A. Wilson preached the Ordination Sermon from I Timothy 3rd Chap. 1 to 7 verses inclusive - Revd D. L. Russell gave the charge to the Evangelist -.

Mr. McCutchen then took his seat as a Member of Presbytery - Adjourned to meet at New Hope on Wednesday before the 2nd Sabbath in September at 12 O'Clock M. - Concluded with prayer -

Minutes of the 127th Sesion of the
Presbytery of Orange.
New Hope, Septr 4th 1833.

Presbytery met according to adjournment; and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened by the Revd A. Wilson from 2 Tim 4.2 "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." Constituted with prayer, the following members being present, Viz.:

Ministers,- Revd E. B. Currie, W. McPheeters D.D. S. Paisley, J. Witherspoon, E. Graves, E. Mitchell J. L. Graham D.D., A. D. Montgomery, J. Rankin, M. Osborne, J. Weller, W. Neil, D. L. Rupell, A. Wilson, G. W. Ferrell, A. L. Watts, G. C. Chesley, T. Lynch, J. S. McCutchan, J. H. Pickard.

Elders,- W. Baird, G. Morrow, Samuel Kerr, Samuel Turentine, F. Witherspoon, Dr C. L. Read, J. W. Jeffries, J. L. Wortham, Jas Hart, H. L. Read, R. G. Elton, J. Atkinson, Dr W. A. Shaw,

Absentees, Revd W. Paisley, Jos Caldwell D.D, L. D. Hatch, E. W. Caruthers, J. W. Douglas, D. A. Penick, H. P. Goodrich, E. Hollister, J. Weatherby, N. H. Harding, and P. Pierson.

Revd Jesse Rankin was chosen Moderator, and the Revd W. Neil and Dr W. A. Shaw were chosen Clerks.

The Revd Philo Calhoun, a member of West Hanover Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting of Presbytery were read.

Resolved that the Moderator, Revd G. W. Ferrell and his Sesion be a Committee of arrangements.

Dr Graham and Dr McPheeters were appointed a committee to examine the Minutes of the last General Assembly; and were instructed to report such subjects contained in them, as may deserve the attention of Presbytery.

Mr Graves was appointed to receive contributions for the Stated Clerk of Synod; and Mr Wilson

for the Education and Contingent fund.
Messrs. Watts, Witherspoon, and Pickard were appointed a Committee of Supplies.
Mr. Pickard reported the formation of a new church, consisting of Seven members at High Rock, Rockingham County, whereupon, Resolved, That said church be received under the care of Presbytery.
Mr. John Chavis, a man of colour, and a licentiate, under the care of this Presbytery, having forwarded to this body an essay on the atonement, which he desires the Presbytery to assist him in publishing - It was resolved, That said essay be committed to Dr. McPheeters, Dr. Graham, and Mr. Read. The same committee were also charged with all other matters relating to Mr. Chavis' case.
The pastoral relation between the Revd Mr. Witherspoon and the church at Hillsborough, was dissolved by mutual consent; and the Revd Mr. Osborne was appointed to give information of this fact to the congregation.

Resolved, That the Missionary Society meet on Saturday morning at 9 O'Clock, and that Messrs Rufell, McCutchan, and Witherspoon be a committee to select suitable persons to address the Society and congregation.
The report of the Committee on the expediency of making alterations in the mode of preparing young men for the gospel ministry during their literary course was made the order of the day for Friday morning 9 O'Clock.
Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8½ O'Clock - Closed with prayer.

Thursday morning ½ past 8 O'Clock
Septemr. 5th.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as above - United in prayer - The minutes of yesterday were read.
Resolved, That the subject of assessment on the Churches, for the commissioners' fund, be committed to Dr. McPheeters, Mr. Osborne, Mr. H. L. Read, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Kerr.
According to a standing rule, Presbytery spent

some time in Conference on the question, "Is a pastoral or itinerant life in general more favourable to ministerial usefulness?" The following question was chosen for next Conference, viz^{t}: What are the occasions and evidences of Self-deception in religion?".

Rev^{d} Mr. Mebane, a member of East Hanover Presbytery, being present, was invited to take a seat as a corresponding member.

Resolved, That Messr^{s} Graham and Penick, with Mr. Baird and Dr. Wortham be a committee on the subject of Evangelists.

Mr. George Morrow, Ruling Elder of Bethlehem appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

Mr. Sterrett, a ruling elder from Haw River, appeared and took his seat.

The committee of supplies reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz^{t}: Resolved, That it be recommended to each member of this Presbytery, to spend two weeks in missionary labour, between this and the next meeting of Presbytery, and that they go two and two at discretion.

The Committee appointed to install Mr. Ferrell at New Hope, reported, That they had performed that duty, which report was approved.

The following contributions for the Education Fund were reported viz^{t}: Neilbush (Spring collection) $40.; Hillsborough $25; Stony Creek $2.25; Raleigh $10.; Chapel Hill $10; Little River $2.12½; Grapy Creek $15; Red House $10; Louisburg $2. Clarksville $2.

The Committee on the Contingent fund reported that all the ministers present had paid their quotas to this fund, except Dr. Caldwell, making a total of $21.50. and Mr. Graves reported $14 for Stated Clerk of Synod.

Resolved, That the name of Geneva church be changed (at the request of the members of the church) to "Providence."

The Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz: 1. Resolved, that the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery be directed to forward to the Stated Clerk of the General

Assembly. a copy of the resolution paped by this body in 1832, in relation to the overture, sent down to the Presbyteries, on the subject of special meetings of Synod. 2. The Presbytery having learned, that the last General Assembly has appointed the first Monday of January 1834, as a day of fasting and prayer, for the Conversion of the world to God - that it be earnestly recommended to our churches to observe the day appointed for the purpose, and in the manner recommended by the Assembly.

Mr. Nathaniel B. Patterson, a candidate under the care of this Presbytery, whose studies, on account of ill health, had been for some time suspended, was introduced, and examined on Natural and Revealed Theology and Church government, and his examination was sustained as part of trial.

The Committee on Assessment made a report, which being amended, was adopted, and is as follows, Vizt: That the Assessment for the Commissioners' fund shall remain as before, with the following alterations, Vizt: Washington $15.

Milton $12; Danville $12; Chapel Hill $12; Red House - $10; Newbern $15; Louisburg $5; Leaksville $5; Warrenton $5; High Rock $2 -

The Committee on Mr. Chavis' case reported the following resolutions which were adopted, Vizt;

1. That this Presbytery deem it inexpedient to do any thing in relation to Mr. Chavis' proposed publication on the Atonement, inasmuch as it is on a subject which has been amply discussed, and of course would not be generally interesting, and the proceeds would probably contribute nothing towards his support.

2: That Dr. L. L. Read be added to the Committee hitherto appointed in Mr. Chavis' case -

Resolved, That the churches under our care, having pastors or stated supplies, be required to report, annually to Presbytery, respecting the fulfilment of their reciprocal duties and engagements and that due record thereof be spread annually on the Session Book of each congregation, specifying in every case the sum paid and arrearages, if any, that may be due from the people to their

minister -.

Resolved, That when any congregation shall become vacant, in consequence of the resignation, death. or removal of its pastor or stated supply, it be the duty of such congregation, prior to their entering into a new engagement with any other minister, to discharge all arrearages that may be due their former pastor or stated supply -.

Resolved, That this Presbytery will not, in future, encourage or authorize the settlement of a minister in any vacant congregation, which may be in arrears, until said arrears are either discharged or formally relinquished by the consent of Presbytery, and the minister, to whom they are due.

The Executive Committee of Education reported, and their report was approved.

Mr. Weller, and Mr. Elton had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery -.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning half past Eight o'clock - Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning 8½ O'Clock. Sept. 6th.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. United in prayer - present as above - the minutes of yesterday were read -

Mr. Patterson delivered a sermon on the subject assigned him, which was sustained as part of trial -.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the meeting of the Missionary Society, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:-

Resolved, 1. That the Missionary Society meet Saturday morning for the transaction of business. 2. That Dr. Graham, Mr. Penick, and Dr. W. A. Shaw be requested to deliver addresses in behalf of the Society before the congregation. 3. That a collection be taken up in ~~aid of that funds of the Society~~

Whereas many of our churches and Ministers labour under many difficulties, and suffer much spiritual loss in consequence of the inadequate provision usually made for the support of the ministry - Therefore, Resolved, that it be, and it hereby

is affectionately recommended to our churches to take up collections regularly on the Sabbath after publick worship, and that after defraying from the monies collected, the contingent expenses of the church, the balance, remaining on hand at the end of the year, be applied, as the Convenience of the Congregation may require, either to aid their subscription for the support of the gospel, or the purchase of a parsonage.

The Executive Committee of Missions reported; and their report was accepted and approved.

Whereas it appears that this Presbytery is indebted to the Revd John Witherspoon $250. for his services as Missionary Agent. Resolved. That he be allowed that amount in his settlement with the late Treasurer of the Missionary Society of North Carolina. ~~which was adopted.~~

A petition from the Haw River Church, for the ordination of Mr Forrest as an Evangelist, was laid before Presbytery, and, after considerable discussion, was postponed until tomorrow.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the

expediency of altering the mode of preparing young men for the gospel ministry during their literary course. made a report, which after considerable discussion, was recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of Dr Caldwell and Mr Morrow.

At New Hope the 6th day of September, 1833, the Presbytery of Orange having received testimonials in favour of Mr Nathaniel B. Patterson, of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral character; and of his being in the communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and he having adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and

and hereby do license him the said Nathaniel B. Patterson to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the gospel Ministry - &c

Mr. Daniel G. Doak, a member of Allemance church, and graduate of the University of North Carolina, was introduced to Presbytery, & as introduced to Presbytery by Revd. D. L. Rufsell and having been examined as to his knowledge of experimental religion, and his views in desiring the office of the gospel ministry; and Presbytery being satisfied with his examination he was received as a Candidate for the Ministry, under the Care of this Presbytery.

Mr. Doak was examined on Latin, Greek, Rhetorick, Logick, Moral Philosophy, Modern Geography & English Grammar, which examination was sustained.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning half past 8 O'Clock - Closed with prayer -.

Saturday Morning 8½ O'Clock, Sept. 7th

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as above - United in prayer. The

minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. R. D. Rufsell a licentiate in good and regular standing under our Care having requested permission to travel in the valley of the Mississippi - it was resolved That Presbytery grant Mr. Rufsell the permission requested -

Resolved, That an adjourned meeting of Presbytery be held at Hillsborough, the 16th day of January 1834, at 7 O'Clock P. M.

Resolved unanimously, That the next stated Sessions of Presbytery, be held in Newbern on Wednesday the 30th day of April 1834. at 7 O'Clock P. M. -

The Petition for the ordination of Mr. Forrest was taken up, and after hearing the parties it was resolved, That it is inexpedient to ordain Mr. Forrest at this time.

Mr. Currie, Mr. Pickard, Mr. Baird & Kerr & Mr. Sterrett obtained leave of absence for the remaining Sessions of Presbytery -

A communication was received from the Church

of Hillsborough, touching a certain obligation held by the late Treasurer of the Presbyterian Missionary Society of N. Carolina on the Treasurer of said Congregation, desiring for certain reasons to be released from said obligation, Resolved, That the Treasurer of said Congregation be released accordingly.

Mr. James Phillips, a member of the Church at Chapel Hill, having been introduced by Dr. Caldwell: Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, a member of the Church at Washington and graduate of the University, having been introduced by Dr. Caldwell; Mr. Wm. N. Mebane, a member of the Greensboro. Church and graduate of the University having been introduced to Presbytery by Mr. Rufsell; Mr. Samuel Murray a member of the church of Bethel Roads, and Mr. A. E. Thom, a member of the Allemance church and graduate of the University of N. Carolina, having been introduced by Dr. Graham — were, severally, examined as to their knowledge of experimental religion, and their views in

desiring the Office of the gospel ministry; and Presbytery being satisfied with their examination, they were received as candidates for the gospel ministry, under the care of this Presbytery.

Resolved, That Dr. Caldwell, Mr. Paisley, E. Graves, H. L. Read, and G. Morrow be a committee to examine Mr. Phillips and Dr. Shaw on their literary course.

The following exercises were assigned to the candidates, viz: "An constat liberum arbitrium hominis divino decreto." to Mr. Thom, as the subject of an exegesis; "An sit providentia specialis, et quomodo sit." to Mr. Murray; "An miracula idonea testimonia sint divinae missionis." to Mr. Mebane; "An detur peccatum originale." to Mr. Doak. "Duo sensu Christus sit Deus." to Dr. Shaw; as subjects for Latin exegeses. Luke 15 c 11 to 32 V was assigned to Mr. Thom; and the 110th Psalm to Mr. Doak as subjects for popular lectures. Heb 6. 1 to 6 V was assigned to Mr. Doak, and Heb 10 c 26 to 29 V. to Mr. Thom

for a critical Exercise. Luke 16: 30, was assigned to Mr. Thom, as the subject of a popular Sermon; and John 3. 18, to Mr. Doak for the same exercise.

The Committee appointed to examine Mr. Phillips ~~appointed~~ Dr. Shaw reported that they had sustained satisfactory examinations on Latin and Greek, on Rhetoric, Moral Philosophy and Geography, which report was adopted.

Mr. Phillips was examined on Theology and Church History, and his examination sustained as part of trial.

Resolved, That Mr. Phillips deliver a discourse at Candlelight, on Luke 11, V-XIII.

Mr. Witherspoon was, at his own request, dismissed from this Presbytery; to join the Presbytery of Harmony.

Resolved unanimously, That the Revd. D. Baker be affectionately invited to act as an evangelist within our bounds; and that the Executive Committee of Missions be instructed to

give him a competent support. Messrs. Verlabe and Graham were appointed a Committee to communicate the wishes of Presbytery to Mr. Baker.

The Committee appointed, to enquire into ~~expediency~~ recommitted the report of the committee, suggesting alterations in the literary part of the education of youth, especially those designed for the ministry, presented a report. which, having been amended, was adopted. and is as follows, viz: It is recommended to the Presbytery to proceed without delay, to make such provision, as shall be necessary, for imparting education, agreeable to their own views of the subject, in its essential merits, and its great and important ends.

The Committee recommend to the Presbytery the adoption of the following resolutions. viz:

1. Resolved, That it is expedient to establish a literary institution, within the bounds of the Orange Presbytery, on principles such as to secure a strictly Christian education.

2. That the site of this institution shall be in or near Greensborough in the County of Guilford.

3. That the Revd Messrs S. L. Graham, A Wilson, D. L. Rupell, E. W. Caruthers, W. Neil, and Dr W. A. Shaw be appointed agents to traverse the portions of Country under the care of the Presbytery of Orange, according to such distribution as they shall consent to make among themselves, with a view to solicit and secure contributions for the establishment of the institution; for providing proper buildings, lands, teachers, library and apparatus, and that these agents make report to Presbytery at their ~~subject~~ stated sessions, or at its adjourned meeting in Hillsborough.

4. That it be the duty of the agents to frame an address stating the purposes now entertained by the Presbytery on this subject, explaining their views, and earnestly urging the important object upon the publick mind; to have 500 copies of the address printed and distributed; and that it shall

be their duty to prep upon the general feeling and especially upon the friends of the Presbyterian church the necepity of entering, without delay, and to an appropeate and competent extent, upon unremitted exertions for accomplishing the proposed object.

5. That it shall be especially an explanation to be given by the agents to the publick, that it is contemplated and intended, according to the encouragement, which shall be expresed by the people within the bounds and under the care of Presbytery, to provide as means shall be afforded them, for the connexion of manual labour with the proposed school, to erect shuctures provide all such tools, implements, and supervision as shall be necepary to manual labour for youth, who shall repair to the institution, to obtain education by such means and upon such conditions.

The following persons were appointed a committee of Education for the ensuing year: Dr Caldwell, E. Hollister, L. L. Graham,

N. H. Harding, A. Wilson, H. P. Goodrich, A. L. Watts, A. W. Venable, C. L. Read and I. Bullock.

Dr. Caldwell obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Resolved, That it be a standing rule of Presby that the Pastor in whose congregation the Presbytery shall hereafter meet, shall furnish the necessary books for the examination of Candidates for the gospel ministry.

Mr. Phillips delivered a discourse on the subject assigned him and at the appointed time; and it was sustained as part of trial - whereupon it was resolved To proceed to his licensure; and he was accordingly licensed, according to the form prescribed by the book of discipline -.

Adjourned to meet in Wilmington, during the sessions of the Synod of N. Carolina, at the call of the Moderator - Closed with prayer.

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Wilmington 14th Novemr. 1833.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present Dr. McSheeters. N. H. Harding, J. Rankin, A. Wilson, D. L. Rupell, P. Pierson, and D. A. Penick – Ministers. Constituted with prayer. A certificate of the dismission of Rev. Samuel Hurd from West Hanover Presbytery, recommending him to this Presbytery was received, and read: Resolved. That Mr. Hurd be received as a member of this Presbytery.

The 1st. Presbyterian Church of Newbern appeared before Presbytery, by its commissioner. and requested leave to prosecute a call before the East Hanover Presbytery for the ministerial services of the Revd Henry Lacy. Resolved, That the request be granted, and that a certified copy of this minute be furnished the Commissioner.

The Revd Samuel Hurd made application by letter for dismission from this Presby. to join the Presbytery of Indianapolis. Resolved, that the request be granted. and that Revd S. Hurd be, and he is hereby dismissed, and affectionately recommended

to the Presbytery of Indianapolis.

Resolved. That the Clerk furnish Mr. Hurd with a certified copy of his dismission.

Mr. James D. Hall, a licentiate under the care of the Concord Presbytery, presented a dismission from that Presbytery, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Orange, and he was received accordingly.

Resolved. That the expenses incurred in publishing the Circular in reference to the Preparatory School be defrayed out of the contingent fund of Presbytery.

Resolved. That Dr. Graham. Messrs Harding Wilson. Rupell, with Messrs S. S. Downey, and Thos. B. Littlejohn be a committee to procure a charter for the contemplated School.

Adjourned to meet in Hillsborough 16th January 1834. at 7 O'Clock P. M. – Closed with prayer.

Presbytery of Orange
Hillsborough Jan.y 16th 1834.

Presbytery met according to adjournment
Constituted with prayer - Present,
Ministers, W. Paisley, E.B. Currie, S. Paisley,
E. Graves, S. L. Graham, J.H. Pickard, A.D.
Montgomery, A. Wilson, A. L. Watts, T. Lynch
D. A. Penick, G. W. Ferrill (2nd day).-
Elders. E. Mooring, Jo.s Hughes, S.S. Downey,
W. Baird, W. J. Bingham, and Wm. Gaddis.-
-Absentees, Ministers. W. McPheeters D.D. J. Caldwell
D.D.. L. D. Hatch, E. Mitchell, E. Hollister, E. W.
Caruthers. J. W. Douglass. J. Weatherby, J. Rankin
H.P. Goodrich, M. Osborne, S. E. Weller, W. Neill,
N.H. Harding, D. L. Rupell, P. Pearson, J. J.
McCutchen.
Revd Samd. Paisley was in the absence of the
Moderator elected Mod: pro. tem:
A. Wilson was chosen temporary Clerk.
Mr. Wm. McElroy a Licentiate under the Presbytery
of New York, presented a dismission to be taken
under the care of this Presby, and on motion was
received accordingly.

Mr. Saml. S. Price a Licentiate under the care of West Hanover Presby presented a dismission to be received under the care of this Presby, and on motion was received accordingly.

Revd Dr. Graham, A. Wilson, W. S. Bingham & S. S. Downey were appointed a Committee to confer with Mr. Graham of Hillsbor.o on the subject of the Greensbor.o Academy & Manual Labour School.

A call to Mr. Saml. S. Price for his pastoral services, from the Church of Hillsbor.o, was laid before Presby, and being found in order,

Resolved, that said call be put into the hands of Mr. Price.

Mr. Price informed Presby that he had accepted the call which had been put into his hands from from the Hillsbor.o Church...

Resolved, that 1st Tim: 1. 16 be assigned Mr. Price as the subject of a discourse previous to ordination.

Revd W. Paisley was appointed to preside at the ordination and deliver the charge to the Pastor; Revd Dr. Graham to preach the ordination Sermon and Revd A. D. Montgomery to deliver the charge

to the People.

A requested was presented to Presby from the Elders of Danville Church for the ordination (sine titulo) of Mr. Wm. McElroy. Resolved, that this request be refered to Revd Dr. Graham, Mr. Penick, and Mr. Lynch to report thereon.

Mr. Price was examined on experimental religion, and his motives in desiring the Gospel Ministry, which examination was sustained as parts of trial. Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 9 O'Clock. closed with prayer.

Friday Morning 17th Inst.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, present as above. united in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Revd W. Chester a Member of the Presbytery of West Hanover being present was invited to take a seat as corresponding Member.

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Graham of Hillsbor.o on the subject of the Charter for the Greensbor.o Academy & Manual Labour School made a report, which was laid on the table.

Rev.d Mr. Chester agent for the Assembly's Board made Statements before Presby on the Subject of Education -

Rev.d D. A. Penick, Dr. Graham, A. Wilson, H. L. Read, and John P. Rainey were appointed a Committee on the Subject of the Education of young men for the Gospel Ministry to report at the next stated meetings of Presbytery.

Rev.d S. L. Graham requested to be released from the pastoral care of Grassy Creek Church, which request being accompanied with a Certificate that the Congregation consented to this request; On motion Rev.d S. L. Graham was released from his pastoral charge, and Grassy Creek declared vacant.

* read resolution

Dr. Graham, Wm. Paisley, E. B. Currie, Mooring Downey and Rainey were appointed a Committee to report this afternoon on the Subject of the Manual Labour School

*Resolved that this Presbytery will proceed to carry into effect their design to establish a Manual Labour School at Greensboro, irrespective of the

charter granted by the late Legislature of N.C.

The Committee to whom was refered the request of the church of Danville reported, and after considerable discussion, the further consideration of the subject was deferred until the next Stated meeting of Presbytery.

Rev.d Mr. Watts, Lynch and Wilson; and Mr. Baird and Downey were appointed a committee to examine Mr. Price previous to Ordination.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. Price reported that they had examined him on the Greek & Hebrew Languages, Theology, Church History, Government and discipline of the Church and recommend that his examination be sustained.

On motion this report was received & adopted -

Mr. Price read a Sermon on the subject appointed and on motion resolved that it be sustained as a part of trial

Resolved, that the Ordination of Mr. Price take place to night at Candle light -

Rev.d S. Paisley requested to be released from the pastoral care of Ens and Little River Churches

and the Congregation by their representative having consented. Resolved that the request be granted and that the Congregation be declared vacant -.

Mr. Wm. Clark a ruling elder in the Eno church in behalf of himself and several individuals in his neighborhood requested that the Revd. Mr. Paisley be appointed to organize them into a church - Resolved that his request be granted.

Dr. Shaw a ruling Elder from Washington appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.

Mr. Ballard agent of the American S. School Union was heard by Presby on the subject of his agency -

Resolved that this Presbytery highly approve of the resolution of the American Sunday School Union at its last [redacted], to establish & for five years sustain Sabbath Schools throughout the Southern States, and that we most cordially recommend the same to the prayers, cooperation, and liberality of the Churches of this body.

Resolved that this Presbytery recommend Revd A. L Watts as a suitable person for Sunday School Agent in No. Carolina.

The Presbytery proceeded to the ordination and installation of Mr Saml. J. Price - Mr. Graham preached the Sermon - Mr. Paisley presided & put the usual questions to the [redacted], whereupon Mr. Price was ordained by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, according to the Apostolick example - Mr. Paisley then gave the charge to the Pastor, and Mr. Montgomery to the Congregation -

Resolved the Presbytery have heard with much much satisfaction Mr. Chester's statement respecting the cause of Christian Education of young men for the Gospel Ministry, and that they cordially commend him and his object to the churches under their care, hoping that the churches will heartily and zealously cooperate with him in furthering his important object.

The Revd J. McLean of West Hanover Presbytery presented to Presbytery a document purporting to be a dismission from that body accompanied with [illegible]

sundry extracts from their minutes respecting his absence from the ~~last~~ meetings, whereupon Resolved. that said document be refered to D. A. Penick, A. Wilson and W. I. Bingham. Presby adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 O'Clock - closed with prayer.

Saturday 9. O'Clock, Jany 18th

Presbytery met according to adjournment - united in prayer - present as above -

The Committee to whom was refered the subject of the Manual Labour school reported, presented the following resolutions, which were adopted. Viz.t.

1. That Revd W. Paisley, E. W. Caruthers, Jesse Rankin and Christopher Moring & S. S. Downey be a financial Committee to whom all the real and personal estate of said Institution shall be committed in trust for the benefit of the Institution - That said Committee when the legal conveyance for real estate is prepared shall submit the same to Wm W. A. Graham, F. Nash & John Morehead for their advice and that they report their whole

proceedings to Presbytery at their stated Sessions.

2. That Revd Wm Paisley, Doct. Mebane & J. M. Dick be a Committee to purchase a suitable tract of land in or near Greensbor.o, when funds for that purpose shall be collected.

3. That the Conveyances of property & evidences of debt or of stock shall be filed with the Treasurer of Presbytery or with some other person appointed by Presbytery, whose receipt for the same shall be taken by the Financial Committee

4. That Revd S. L. Graham D.D., S. Paisley, A. Wilson, William Paisley & F. Nash, and E. W. Caruthers, D. A. Penick & D. L. Russell, and Messrs S. S. Downey, W. I. Bingham, W. M. Lewis, I. Lindley, James Mebane, N. L. Read, Doct. Payne and Joseph Gibson be a Board of Agency to decide on the precise site of the buildings; to prepare & report to Presbytery a detailed plan of study for said institution; attend examinations to propose a plan for a Library; & to whom the general superintendance of said institution shall be committed during the recess of Presbytery; to report at the next stated meeting of Presbytery

a plan for a Manual Labour Department; and also a plan for the buildings.

5. That $25.000 will be need to put the institution into operation - that the Agent commence his work as soon as posible and report his progess to the next stated meeting of Presbytery - and that the Stated Clerk of Presbytery be directed to furnish said Agent with a history of its proceedings on this subject -.

The Committee on the subject of the Rev. John McLean's dismission to the Orange Presbytery reported the following resolution which was adopted

Resolved, that this Presbytery do tenderly & affectionately, yet earnestly advise brother McLean to attend the next meeting of West Hanover Presbytery & explain in person to that body the reasons of his continued absence - This they recommend as due alike to West Hanover Presbytery & to this presby & to brother McLean himself.

Resolved that $600. per annum be the compensation allowed to the agent of the Literary & Manual Labour School -

Resolved that Rev. D. A. Penick be appointed Agent, and Rev. J. W. Douglas, and A. Wilson be appointed his Alternates in the order named. and that the Stated Clerk furnish the Agent with an attested copy of this minute -

Dr. Wm. A. Shaw read a Latin exegesis, which was sustained as a part of trial -.

Resolved, that Acts xx. 17-28 be assigned to Dr. Shaw as the subject of a Critical exercise, and John xv. 25 as the subject of a popular Sermon. 1st Psalm the Subject for a Lecture -.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition fr. the church in Danville for the ordination of Mr. McElroy made a report, when on motion the Subject was postponed -.

Adjourned to meet in Newbern at 7 O'Clock P. M. - Closed with prayer -.

Presbytery of Orange
Newbern April 30th 1834.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev.d Sa.l Weatherby, from Luke XVI - 30. "If they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead".

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Present. Ministers. Rev.d James Weatherby, Dan.l L. Rupell, & A. L. Watts -

Absent. Rev.d Messrs Currie. W. Paisley, Dr McPheeters & Caldwell, S. Paisley, J.H. Pickard, Graves. Hatch, E. Mitchell, Hollister, Dr. Graham E.W. Caruthers, Montgomery, J.M. Douglas, Penick, Rankin, H Goodrich, Osborne, Weller Neill, Harding, Wilson. Ferrill, Pierson McCutchen, Lynch, Chesley, & Price -.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8. O'clock ~~A.M.~~. - closed with prayer

Thursday Morning May 1st

Presbytery met according to adjournment united in prayer - present as above.

Revd Messrs Harding, Wilson, & S. Paisley ministers & Messrs E. Hawes & I. Potts elders appeared in Presby and took their seats -.

Revd James Weatherby was chosen Moderator and the Revd A. Wilson and M. I. Potts were chosen Clerks -

Revd Drury Lacey of the Presbytery of East Hanover & the Revd M. Bird of the Presby of Newburyport being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members -.

Minutes of the last stated meeting of Presby were then read, also the minutes of the adjourned meeting at Wilmington & Hillsborough.

A letter was received from Revd J. S. McCutchen assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery -

The Shiloh congregation, organized by the Revd Dr Grahams, requested to be received under the

care of the Presbytery and Resolved that the request be granted -.

A call from Shiloh Congregation for the pastoral Services of Revd. S. L. Graham was presented to Presby & being found in order, Resolved that this call be put into the hands of Dr Graham -

A call from the Congregation of 1st Presbyterian Church Washington N.C. for the pastoral services of Revd D. L. Rufell was presented to Presbytery & being found in order, Resolved that this call be put into the hands of the Revd Mr Rufell -

The Congregation of Fairfield organized according to the direction of Presbytery requested to be taken under the care of Presby. Resolved that this request be granted -

A letter was recd from Revd E. Mitchell assigning reasons of absence from the present sessions of Presby.

Resolved that the Stated Clerk's Salary be five Dollars.

A call from the Presbyterian church of Fayetteville to the Revd I. W. Douglas, a member of this body

was presented by the Rev. Henry Potter a Commissioner from that congregation, and being found in order, Resolved that the call be placed in the hands of Mr. Douglas-
The following Committees were appointed to examine the Session Books, Viz.t

Messrs. Harding & Hawes, Shiloh
" Paisley & Watts, Washington
" Rufell & Harding, Newbern

The Treasurer of Presby reported & his report was refered to the Temporary Clerks as an Auditing Committee -

Resolved. that the contributions for Commissioners fund for the Churches of Newbern & Washington be reduced to $12. each; Shiloh $10. & Grapy Creek $6.. Fairfield $3. -.

Resolved that the Treasurer of Presbytery be directed to collect the Contributions for the Commissioners fund due this spring from those churches which have not forwarded them to Presbytery -

The following churches contributed to the

Commissioners fund, as follows,
Spring Grove $5 - Providence $6. Washington $15.
Newbern $15. Oxford $10. - Milton $8 - Raleigh $15
Bethesda $5 - .

Dr. Shaw read a critical exercise on Acts XX: 17. 28, & a lecture on the 1st Psalm, which were sustained as parts of trial

Revd Wm. Neill & Revd D. A Penick Ministers, and Wm. Huntington a ruling elder from the Church of Milton appeared in Presby, & took their seats

Dr. Shaw was examined on Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Church Government & the Hebrew Language & his examination sustained as parts of trial -

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at half past 8 O'clock - closed with prayer.

Friday Morning 2nd May 1834

Presbytery met according to adjournment - [illegible] in prayer - The minutes of yesterday were read

Dr. McPheeters & Mr. Osborne appeared in Presby, having assigned reasons for their absence, took

their seats -
Resolved, that the contribution for the Commissioners' fund from Milton & Danville be reduced from $12 to $10. & that of Raleigh from $15 to $12 -
Resolved that Wm. McPheeters D.D. & Revd N.H. Harding be added to the Committee appointed on Education at Hillsborough & that the Com. to report this afternoon -.
The Committee on the Session book of Shiloh reported, & recommended that the records be approved, & the report was adopted -.
Revd Danl L. Rupell & A. S. Watts were chosen commissioners to General Assembly and the Revd Mr Goodrich alternate of Mr Rupell & Dr McPheeters alternate of Mr Watts - Elders Dr E. Hawes with Mr Baird his alternate, & Dr Shaw with Genl Bryan his alternate -.
The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer reported that they had examined the accounts & found them correctly kept,

and accompanied with the proper vouchers - the report was adopted -
The Committee on the Session Books of Newbern and Washington reported, which reports were accepted and adopted and the books approved -
Dr Shaw read a popular discourse from John 15. 25 which was sustained as part of trial; Resolved that Dr Shaw be licenced tomorrow night after Sermon -
Resolved, that Revd D. H. Penick be appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the meeting of the Missionary Society -
Resolved that the Presbytery give an affirmative answer to the overture of General Assembly in relation to the propriety of special meetings of Synod, and recommend that the rule proposed on this subject by the General Assembly be adopted as a constitutional rule -
Resolved that Revd D. L Rupell & Mr Neil be appointed to take notes on the free conversation on the state of religion and prepare a report for the general Assembly -
Part of the afternoon was spent on the free

conversation on the ~~subject~~ state of religion -
Mr. Wm. M'Elroy a Licentiate under the care of this Presbytery having been labouring for some time past as a stated supply, in the town of [redacted]sanville, and it appearing to Presbytery that the interests of the Church in that place would probably be much promoted by his ordination - Therefore
Resolved that Presbytery now take order for his ordination tomorrow night. From this decision of Presbytery Mr. Osborne dissents -
Resolved that $10. pr Annum be allowed the Treasurer of Presbytery for his services out of any funds in his hands -
Resolved that Messrs Harding, Penick & Dr. Shaw deliver addresses at the meeting of the Domestic Missionary Society -
Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8 O'Clock closed with prayer -

Saturday Morning 8 O'Clock. 3rd May
Presbytery met according to adjournment. present as above - united in prayer -

Revd. John S. Wilson a member of the Presby of Harmony being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member -
A certificate of dismission from the East Hanover Presbytery was presented by the Revd. Drury Lacy, whereupon Mr. Lacy was received as a member of this Presbytery and invited to take his seat -
A call from the congregation of Newbern to the Revd. Mr. Lacy for him to become their Pastor was laid before Presby, and being found to be in order was put into the hands of Mr. Lacy -
Mr. Lacy having signified his acceptance of said call, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to his instalment on Monday next the 5th Inst. at 11 O'Clock A. M. and that the moderator preside upon the occasion, Mr. Harding preach the Sermon, and Mr. Wilson give the charge to the Minister, and Mr. Osborne give the charge to the people
The Committee appointed to whom was referred

the subject of educating young men for the gospel Ministry reported, and on motion the report was laid on the table -

The Revd John Leighton Wilson, a missionary now on a visit to his native country from the Western coast of Africa, being present was requested to make to the Presbytery such communications as he might deem proper on the subject of his Mission - on Monday Morning at 8 O'Clock -

Resolved that the order of Presbytery passed in Wilmington in relation to the defraying of the expences of printing & publishing the address on Education be rescinded and that it be defrayed from the Education funds.

Mr William McElroy was examined on all the branches specified in the book of discipline Viz: English, Latin, Greek & Hebrew Languages, Rhetoric, Logick, Ancient & modern Geography Mathematicks, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy Chronology, Church History, Church government, didactic, polemic & pastoral Theology, & his examination was sustained as parts of trial -

At Newbern 3rd day of May 1834. the Presbytery of Orange ~~the Presbytery of Orange~~ having received testimonials in favour of Mr Wm A. Shaw of his having gone through a regular course of Literature; of his good moral character, and of his being in the communion of the church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure, and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion and as to his proficiency in Divinity, and other studies; the Presbytery did & hereby do express their approbation of all those parts of trial: and he having adopted the Confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed: the Presbytery did and hereby do license him the said William A. Shaw to preach the gospel of Christ as a probationer for the gospel ministry -

Adjourned to meet Monday Morning at at half past five O'Clock - Closed with prayer -

Monday Morning May 5th.

Presbytery met according to adjournment United in prayer - present as above -

Mr. Wm. McElroy delivered a discourse from John 1st 9th which was sustained as a part of trial -

Revd. J. Leighton Wilson having addressed the Presbytery on the subject of the mission to Africa; Resolved that Presbytery highly approve of the object of his mission & most earnestly commend him & his object to the prayers & charity cooperation of the Congregation within our bounds -

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Greensborough Academy and Manual labour School be requested to accept of the Charter granted them by the last Legislature; and that they petition the next Legislature so to alter the charter that the school may thereafter be known by the name of the "Presbyterian Academy & Manual Labour School of Greensborough" and so to alter the fourth Section of said Charter, that the filling

of vacancies in the Board of Trustees, and the manner of appointing Trustees and other officers of the Institution may be provided for as directed in ~~the last clause of the second section of the act~~ incorporating the Trustees of the Episcopal school of North Carolina, which is as follows, to wit: "And provided further, that the said Board established for any one year, may fill vacancies from any cause in the same, until the next annual meeting of the Trustees & their successors, to be held at such time and place as by an ordinance of their body they may designate; when they may declare in what manner Trustees and other Officers of the Institution shall be appointed -."

Resolved, that the Revd. Nehemiah H. Harding be and he hereby is appointed an Agent, on behalf of this Presbytery to solicit donations in aid of the funds of the Presbyterian Academy & manual Labour to be established at Greensboro' N.C. - and that he be earnestly requested to proceed forthwith to discharge the duties of the Agency -

Resolved, that the agent pay what money he may collect, until the next stated meeting of the Presbytery, into the hands of the Revd Messrs Wm Paisley, E. W. Caruthers, & Jesse Rankin and Christopher Alloring & S. S. Downey Esqrs to be by them held in trust for, and subject to the order of this Presbytery -

Resolved that the Sum of Six hundred Dollars per annum, and his necessary travelling expenses be allowed Mr Harding, as Salary, out of Money collected by him -

A letter was received from Revd A. D. Montgomery assigning reasons for his absence from the present meeting of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery proceeded to install the Revd Danny Lacy the Pastor of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Newbern - The Moderator presided Mr Harding preached the Sermon, the charge to the minister was given by Mr Wilson, and the charge to the ~~pastor~~ congregation by Mr Osborne -

At the same time Mr McElroy was ordained as an Evangelist by prayer with the imposition

of the hands of the Presbytery. Dr McSheeter presided and offered the ordaining prayer, Mr Wilson gave the charge to the Evangelist: and then the Revd Wm C. McElroy took his seat as a member of this Presbytery -

The Subject for conference on motion was postponed until the next meeting of Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on Education of was taken up and after considerable discussion, it was postponed to the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Cor. Resolved that the committee on the case of Mr Chavis be directed to enquire into his situation and make such provision for him as his necessities may require -

The Revd Mr Weatherby informed the Presbytery that he proposed to remove into the State of Alabama & requested permission to apply to the Stated Clerk for a dismission before the next Stated meeting, provided the indications of divine providence should make it appear to be his duty to remove to that State; Resolved

that the Stated Clerk be & hereby is directed to give Mr. Weatherby a dismission upon his application for it -

Adjourned to meet at Greensborough Wednesday 17th Septem. next at 7 O'Clock P. M. Closed with Prayer -

In the Synod of North Carolina, at Oxford N. C. October 10. 1834.

Thus far examined and approved — Except that Mr James Philips was, at a certain meeting of the Presbytery, introduced as a Candidate for the Gospel-ministry and licensed at the same meeting of the Presbytery, without all the previous steps being taken as prescribed by the form of Government Chap. XIV; and without its being made to appear, on the Minutes that his was an extraordinary case provided for by the form of Govt.

James H. Douglass. Modr.

Minutes of the 129th Sessions of the
Presbytery of Orange
Greensboro 17th Sep: 1834

The Presbytery met according to adjournment; and was opened with a sermon, by the Rev: Jesse Rankin, in the absence of the Moderator, from John 6. 44- "No man can come unto me, except the Father, which hath sent me, draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day".

Constituted with prayer. Present- Ministers- William Paisley, E. B. Currie, Wm McPheeters D.D, Joseph Caldwell D.D, J. H Pickard, Saml Paisley, C.W. Carruthers, A.D. Montgomery, Jesse Rankin, Geo. Chesley, A Wilson, Wm McElroy, Daniel A. Penick, D.A. Pierson, A.A. Hardings, Jno. S. McCachan A.L. Watts, Thos Lynch, Elijah Graves.

Elders- William Cummins, Sam McAdam, Jacb Neill, Wm Clark, Wm Baird, Jno. L. Lesueur, Rob Mebane, William Rankin, Wm A Shaw, Fredk Nash, Robert Ross,

H.R. Dusenbury, Thos H. Wylie, Saml S Downey Jas Clark, Jno L. Woods, Robert Barr, Jesse Conner.

Absent- Rev: James Weatherby, Daniel L. Russell, William Neill, Michael Osborne D.D. Lacy, George Farrell, S. Weller, S.S. Price, S.L. Graham D.D, E Mitchell, Jas M. Douglass, A.P. Goodrich, and Samuel D. Hatch.

The Revd- William McPheeters D.D. was chosen Moderator- and A.D. Montgomery and William A Shaw, Clerks.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 oclock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday morning Sept. 18 Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer- members present as above.

The Minutes of the last stated sessions of Presbytery were read-

The absentees were called upon for reasons of absence from former meetings of Presbytery. Resolved- That excuses on account of distance, and previous appointments are not satisfactory reasons for non attendance on the

regular meetings of Presbytery.

Dr. Wm. M'Dowell of Charleston Union Pres= bytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Resolved— That Messrs Harding, Wilson, and Pinck be appointed a committee on the subject of education for the ministry, and report at the present Sessions of Presbytery.

Resolved. That Dr Caldwell, Mr Rankin. Mr Mebane, Mr Wilson, and Mr Downey be a committee on domestic Missions to report at this meeting.

Resolved— that Revd Saml Paisley, Rev: John H Pickard and Wm Baird be a committee of supplies.

Resolved— that it be the order of the day at 3 Oclock P.M. to hear the report of the commissioners to the last General Assembly.

Delinquent Churches were called upon for their quota to the commissioners fund.

Resolved— that the church of Ens be supplied at $3.00 High Rock church at 2-00 Grassy Creek $5:00 Leaksville 3-00 - and Shiloh $11-00

Mr James Philips a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery having been labouring for some time, with great acceptance in vacant congregations— and it appearing to the presbytery that the interests of the church would probably be much promoted by his ordination as an evangelist therefore

Resolved— that presbytery now proceed to take order for his ordination at the next stated meeting— That Mr Philips prepare a sermon on John 1—14— as a part of his trial. Dr Caldwell was appointed to preach the ordination sermon— The Rev: E Mitchell his alternate— Dr M'Pheeters to preside, and Rev: M. Osborne to give the charge to the Evangelist.

Mr James D Hall a licensiate under the care of this Presbytery having been labouring for some time as a missionary in the con=

=gregations of Speedwell and Haw River and it appearing to Presbytery that the interests of those Churches would probably be promoted by his ordination — Therefore Resolved — that Presbytery proceed now to take order for this ordination — and that the Friday before the 2 Sab — in November at Speedwell church be the time of the ordination — Revd. E.W. Carruthers was appointed to preach the ordination sermon — Revd. Jesse Rankin to preside and the Rev: I.A. Pickard to give the charge to the evangelist — And that the Revd A.D. Montgomery be alternate to Mr Carruthers. Mr Hall was directed to prepare a sermon on Eph. — 2 — 10.

A call from the Church in Danville for the pastoral services of the Revd. Wm McElroy was laid before the Presbytery — and being found in order —

Resolved — that the call be put into the hands of Mr McElroy.

Mr. McElroy having declared his willingness to accept the call — Therefore Resolved — that his installation take place the Saturday before the 1st Sab. in October — The Revd. Jesse Rankin — was appointed to preach the sermon Mr. Penick to give the charge to the pastor and Mr Montgomery to the people. Mr. Montgomery was appointed the alternate of Mr Rankin.

The commissioners to the last Gen: Assembly made a report to presbytery which report was accepted.

A letter was received from Mr Robert Rufsill informing Presbytery of his present location and labours.

A letter was received from the Rev: J. Weatherby requesting dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery North Alabama. Whereupon it was —

Resolved — that Mr Weatherby be and hereby is dismissed as a member in good and regular standing to join the Presbytery

of North Alabama.

The Revd N. H. Harding requested to be released from this pastoral charge of the Church in Oxford - Their representative having consented - the request was granted - and the Church declared vacant - The Revd E. H Allister was appointed to give the congregation information of the decision of Presbytery.

Resolved - That the Stated Clerk be requested to prepare an Index to the Records of Presbytery.

Whereas it is seriously to be apprehended that the Catechisms of our church have very much gone into disuse - therefore

Resolved - 1st That it be earnestly recommended to our church Sessions to attend strictly to the catechising of the children and Youth of the Churches.

2 That the Presbytery will expect hereafter a written report on this subject to be appended to the annual sessional reports.

Resolved - that a committe be appointed to report to presbytery during its present Sessions concerning the Manuel Labor School to be located at or near the town of Greensboro - and that the Revd Joseph Caldwell D.D. A Wilson, E.W. Carruthers, Jesse Rankin - Wm A Shaw, Wm Baird and Wm H. Cummins. be that committe.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9 Oclock tomorrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Friday Sept 19th 1834.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and united in prayer. Members present as above - The minutes of yesterday were read.

Resolved - that the nesct stated sessions of Presbytery be held in Hillsboro' on Wednesday, the 22 of April nest at 7 Oclock P. M.

Dr Wm McDowell from the committee on mission made a report to Presbytery which was accepted and adopted. & is as follows.

Res. 1. That the subject of domestic Mission connected as it is, with the supply of our own destitute Churches, with a competent Ministry - And with the organization of Churches among our own destitute population is a subject of the first importance to the interests of religion, And demands from this presbytery - all the attention they can give to it.

Res. 2. That in the opinion of this Presbytery, it is all important, our Churches on this great subject should be united, And whatever plan of operation will promise most effectually to unite the feelings, and call forth the resources of the Churches in this work, that is the plan we would wish to adopt —

Res. 3. That we have heard with interest - from the Secretary of the Gen. Ass - Board of missions who is now with us - That that Board - have been adopting measures to act more extensively, and more efficiently for the supply

of the Southern portion of our widely extended Zion — We have been gratified to learn, that they have in contemplation, Should the Brethren here approve of the measure - to appoint without delay, an efficient Agent for the Synod of North Carolina - Whose whole time is to be devoted to the cause of Domestic Missions within the bounds of said Synod — And that their design is - if a suitable person, who is a member of the Synod can be obtained for this purpose - to select the Agent from our own Synod — The employment of such an Agent, The presbytery believe - will be the most likely plan to give efficiency, and permanency to our operations - And they hereby express their approbation of such a course, and their readiness, should such Agent be appointed — to do what they can to aid him in his important work.

Res. 4. To secure union, and concert of action in this matter, This presbytery do now declare itself auxiliary to the Gen: Assembly's Board of Missions, and for the management of their Missionary concerns, in connection with said Board, They will appoint an Executive Committee of Missions to consist of four ministers and three Elders any three of whom regularly convened shall be a quorum. with the powers, and for the purposes hereafter specified - Viz:

1. To receive applications for aid from feeble congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery, which have pastors, or stated Supplies, and to recommend the same to the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions.

2. To devise, and execute plans for raising funds, in the several Congregations, within the bounds of the Presbytery which funds shall be reported to a

Treasurer appointed by the Presbytery - and the funds thus raised as far as needed shall be expended in the support of Missionaries within our bounds, commissioned by the Board of Missions, on the recommendation or with the approbation of this Committee. Also in the support of any Agent or Agents which the Board of Missions, with the approbation of this Committee may employ within our bounds — If more funds should be raised than are sufficient for the purposes above mentioned — the balance shall by order of the Committee be paid over to the Treasurer of the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

3. To select, and recommend to the General Assembly's Board of Missions, Missionary fields, and Missionary labourers and also to locate such Missionaries as may be sent to them for special instruction. It being understood that all Missionaries and all Missionary

Agents commissioned by the Board of Missions to labour within the bounds of this presbytery must receive the sanction or approbation of this committee.

4. To suggest the amount of aid, which they may deem indispensably necessary to be afforded to each Congregation which they shall recommend to the attention of the Board of Missions. —

5. The Treasurer of this presbytery and the General Agent for the Synod, shall, ex officio, be members of the Executive Committee — And this Agent under the direction of the Executive Committee of presbytery shall be superintendant of Domestic Missions for the Presbytery, And further, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to report annually in the Spring, to the Presbytery and to the Board of Missions. —

Resolved — That in view of the precarious condition of Mr. John Chavis a free man of colour, and a licentiate under the care of this presbytery, owing chiefly to his advanced age and bodily infirmities, The Presbytery of Orange will provide a competent support for Mr. Chavis during the year ensuing, by private contributions or otherwise — And that the Revd Messrs McPheeters and Osborne — with Mr. John Primrose of Raleigh be a committee to supervise the application of this charity — And that the contributions be forwarded to the committee as early as possible

Mr. Daniel G. Doak a candidate under the care of this Presbytery read a lecture on 103 Psalm and a critical exercise on Heb 6.1.6. Mr. Doak was also examined on Natural Philosophy — Chimestry, Ecclesiastical History and Theology, all of which were sustained as parts of trial.

The Revd. Daniel A. Penick and the Revd. N. H. Harding obtained leave of absence

from the remaining Sessions of this
Presbytery —
The following persons were elected an
Executive Committee on Domestic Missions
Viz. Ministers. Rev: Daniel A Brick, Rev:
Saml. L. Graham D.D. Rev: A Wilson, and
N. H Harding — Elders Mr. Warner M. Lewis
Dr. James L. Wortham, and Jas Mebane Esqr.
Resolved — That it be referred to the Exe-
cutive Committe to make all necessary
arrangements for such transfer of the
Missionaries labouring under the direc-
tion of the former Executive Committee
of this Presbytery, as our present organ-
=ization, and our connection with the
General Assembly may render expedient.
And that the Missionary funds now
in the hands of the Treasurer of the
Presbytery be also placed under the
direction of the Committee just
appointed.

Dr. Caldwell from the committee on the
Manual Labour School made a verbal report
on the present state of arrangements with re-
=spect to that object, and concluded the report
by recommending a personal inspection of
the site of the Institution as suggested by
the Board of Agency appointed at Hillsbo-
which was unanimously adopted.
A letter was received from the Society of
Inquiry of the Union Theological Seminary,
which on being read before Presbytery — was
referred to the Executive Committee on Missions
for the purpose of answering it.
Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning
at 10 Oclock.

Saturday Sept. 20th 1834 —

Presbytery met according to adjournment and
was opened with prayer — Members present
as above — Minutes of yesterday were read.
Resolved — That the consideration of the
subject of preparing young men for the
Gospel Ministry be deferred until a future

meeting of Presbytery.
Mr. Doak read a popular discourse on John 3-18- which was sustained as a part of his trial.
Resolved - That the Licensure of Mr. Doak take place this afternoon at ½ past 2 Oclock.
The Committee of Supplies reported - and the report was adopted, and is as follows.
Viz. Mr. E. Graves preach in Chatham county at discretion.
Mr. A.D. Montgomery preach one Sabbath at Nutbush Granville County.
Mr. R. H. Harding supply one Sabbath at Grapey Creek Granville County.
Mr. James Phillips was appointed to spend as much time as convenient at Eno and Little River.
Mr. Price one Sabbath at Eno and one at Little River.
Messrs E. B. Currie and Thomas Lynch to spend one week in Randolph County.
Messrs. John H. Pickard and Saml Paisley

two weeks in the counties of Surry, Wilkes & Ash.
Mr. A. Wilson one week in Franklin County and one Sabbath at Grapey Creek.
Mr Forrest one Sabbath at Nutbush - One week in Warren County and one week in Franklin.
Dr McPheeters one week in Franklin.
Mr. Osborne one week in Johnson County.
Mr. Lacy one week in Beaufort County.
Mr. A. L. Watts one week in Northampton County —
Messrs E. W. Caruthers and D Pierson to spend one week in the county of Chatham.
Messrs. D. A. Penick and Wm McElroy one week in Person County.
Messrs Jesse Rankin and James D. Hall one week in Stokes.
Presbytery recommended that all the brethren who may labour in vacant and destitute places, keep a journal, and report to the next presbytery the state of morals and religion —

At Greensboro the 20th day of Sept. 1834 the Presbytery of Orange having received sufficient testimonials in favour of Mr. Daniel S. Doak of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral character, & of his being in the communion of the church proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies, the Presbytery did and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial. and he having adopted the confession of faith of this church; and satisfactorely answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did & hereby do license him, the said D. S. Doak to preach the gospel of Christ; as a probationer for the holy ministry; within the bounds of this presbytery

or wherever he shall be orderly called.

Resolved. That the Presbytery have heard with great pleasure the statements of Mr. Wm. A. Shaw agent of the American Bible Society for the state of N.C. respecting the supply of the world with the Bible, and that they cordially approve of the object, and will heartily cooperate with the state Society in endeavouring to raise whatever sum of money that Society may think attainable for so good and desirable an object.

The following persons were nominated to the next General Assembly viz. A. Wilson with S Paisley as his alternate; Mr. Osborne with E. W. Caruthers as his alternate; Mr. S. S. Downey with Mr James McBane as his alternate and Dr Ths. P. Atkinson with Mr W. Baird as his alternate.

Messrs M'Pheeters, Caldwell, and Paisley were appointed to prepare plans of buildings for the Manual Labour school and report them to the meetings of the Presbytery

during the sessions of Synod at Oxford.
Mr. N. H. Harding was appointed Gen[l] Agent for collecting funds for the Manual Labour School and Mr. J. Rankin his alternate— And Dr McPheters Dr Caldwell, Mr. N. H. Harding - Jesse Rankin Dr S. L. Graham, A. Wilson, Daniel A. Penick, and Mr Osborne, were appointed a Board of Agency to secure its objects.
Resolved— that the land contemplated as the site of the Manual Labour School be forthwith purchased, and all the legal conveyances for its possession obtained— and that Dr. I. A. Mebane - John McKinstead Esqr. and John M. Dick Esqr be instructed to complete the purchase.
Resolved - That Dr McPheters - Judge Nash - and W. A. Graham be appointed a committee to apply to Legislature if they deem it expedient for the modification of the Charter granted by the Legislature of 1833. /

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Oxford during the Sessions of Synod. at the call of the Mod. Closed with prayer.

Saml. L Graham Stated clerk

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Oxford October 9. 1834—

Presbytery met according to adjournment: constituted with prayer. present— Ministers - W. McPheters D.D. Saml Paisley. A.D. Montgomery. S. L Graham D.D. W. C. McElroy A. Wilson, M. Osborne, D. A. Penick, A. L. Watts J. Rankin, E. B. Currie, Thos Lynch. J. H. Rickard D. Lacey, I. W. Douglass. Elders - S. N. Watkins I. H. McAden, F. Nash, W. A. Shaw. Col Moore, S. S. Downey John Williamson—

Rev. L. D. Hatch requested dismission from this Presbytery, to join the presbytery of South Alabama, whereupon, it was resolved that he be and hereby is dismissed as a

member in good & regular standing to
join the Pres: of South Alabama.

The Rev. Pat. W. Douglas requested dis
mission from this Presbytery to join the
Presbytery of Fayetteville. and the Revd.
E. Hollister likewise requested dismission
to join the Presbytery of Illinois when-
upon it was resolved that they be and they
hereby are dismissed as members in
good and regular standing to join the
Presbyteries respectively aforsaid —

A call from the Clarksville church
to the Rev: J. L. Graham was laid before
Presbytery by Mr S. V. Watkins and being
found in order was put into Mr
Grahams hands.

Mr Graham informed Presbytery that
he declined accepting the call put into
his hands from the Shiloh congregation

Ad journed to meet at the call
of the Mod:

Closed with prayer —

Friday Morning 10th Oct:

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator
Opened with prayer, present as above.
Messrs. Rankin, Montgomery and Harding
were appointed a Com. to install Rev: Mr
McElroy on the Sat. before 2nd sabbath in Dec.
next - Mr Rankin to preach the sermon
Mr Harding deliver the charge to the people,
and Mr Montgomery a charge to the pastor.
Revd - Messrs Rankin, Harding, and Penick
with Mr W. A. Shaw elder were appointed
a committee on education to report tomor-
=row morning at 8 Oclock —

Saturday morning 8 oclock

The committee on education reported
which report was accepted and adopted
and is as follows —

The committee appointed to confer with
the Agent of the Board of Education and
prepare a plan of operation within the
bounds of Presbytery present the follow
=ing report —

1. Resolved— That this Presbytery become auxiliary to the Board of Education of the Gen: Asembly of the Presbyterian Church; and that the agent of the Board be allowed free access to the Churches under our care in promoting the objects of said Board.

2. That a Committee of Education be annually appointed by Presbytery consisting of 3. ministers and 2 elders whose duty it shall be to confer and cooperate with the agent in his work, to examine and receive all students in the bounds of the Pres. -bytery who may desire to enter the ministry and who need pecuniary aid. to fix the sums which each shall from time to time receive, and give drafts on the Treasurer of the Presbytery for the same, and to exercise such a supervision of them and their studies as they shall consider necessary.

3. This Committee shall make a report of their doings to the Presbytery at each

stated meeting, exhibiting the number and name of Students received by them, the sums suspended to aid them in the prosecution of their studies &c. Sanction of the Presbytery to such report shall place the students so reported, under the care of the Presbytery. They shall likewise make a similar report previously to the 1st day in each year to the Board of Education of the General Asembly in order to have it incorporated in the annual report of the Board.

4 All the students received by said committee shall be received and sustained on the same principles and by the same rules which govern the Board of Education in their reception of candidates, and these candidates shall be during their whole preparatory course under the direction of the Committee and of Presbytery unless they have been either dropped by the Presbytery or regularly dismissed to place themselves

under the care of some other Ecclesiastical body).

5. All the money hereafter raised by the agent of the Board within the bounds of Presbytery (unless the doners prefer otherwise) shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of Presbytery; to be expended by him agreeably to the order of the Committee; it being understood that whatever is not needed for the purpose above specified within the bounds of the Presbytery, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board of Education; and also that the committee be authorized to draw upon the Board for any amount which they may need for the assistance of candidates under the care of Presbytery.

Resd - Messrs Pinick and Wilson were appointed a Com. to divide the Presbytery into committees of two ministers each, and

to assign them their respective fields, in destitute regions within their bounds, where they may perform one month's missionary labour previous to the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

Said committee offered the following report which was adopted -

Revd - Messrs Currie & Lynch — Chatham County
" Pickard & Forrest — — — Wilks and Ashe
" Rankin & McElroy — — Pittsylvania, Buckingham & Stokes
" Wm Paisley and Patterson — — Surry —
" Caruthers & Pearson — — — Davidson & Randolph
" Pinick & Wilson — — — Edenton & vicinity
" Graham & Harding — — — Tarboro & vicinity
" J. Paisley & Montgomery — — Franklin & Warren
" Watts and Lacy — — — Pitt and Lenoir
" McPheters & Osborne — — Hertford & Bertie
" Eberly and Miller — — Washington & Tyrrell
" Hall and Shaw — — — Johnson, Wayne & Green

Resolved - That the resolution passed at Greensboro, respecting supplies be rescinded - adjourned to meet at - Concluded with prayer -

Saml L. Graham Statist Clerk

Speedwell Nov: 8th 1834.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of Presbytery Mr. Pickard & Mr Carruthers met & there being no quorum they adjourned from time to time until monday the 10th when a quorum appearing the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Mr. Paisley — Members present Mr. Paisley, J.H. Pickard, & E.W. Carruthers. Mr. Paisley was chosen Mod: & Mr Carruthers clerk. Mr. James D. Hall was examined on his acquaintance with experimental religion & his views for desiring the gospel ministry — on the sacraments & church government. which examination was sustained as part of trial Mr. Hall delivered a discourse of the subject assigned him which was sustained. Mr Hall having passed through the usual trials required of licentiates preparitory to ordination & Presbytery being satisfied as to his qualifications for the sacred office proceeded to ordain him to the whole work of the gospel ministry by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery according to the Apostolical example. The Rev: E.W. Carruthers preached the ordination sermon Mr. Paisley presided & gave the charge to the newly ordained evangelist — Adjourned to meet in Hillsboro' the 22 of April 1835 — Closed with prayer —

Oxford. March 11th 1835 —

Agreeably to a call from the Mod. in the form and manner prescribed in the book of discipline and church government the Presbytery held a pro re nata meeting. The Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Mr S Paisley. The letter of the Mod. calling this meeting of Pres. was read. Mr Paisley was chosen Mod. Whereupon it was resolved that the Rev. Dr M'Pheeters be requested to deliver a suitable discourse before this body commemorative of our revered father in the ministry the Rev: I. Caldwell D D. on saturday the 25th of April next in the town of Hillsboro' at 11 oclock A.M.

Adjourned to meet in Hillsboro' wednesday the 22d of April next at 7 oclock P.M. closed with prayer.

Minutes of the 130th Sessions of the
Presbytery of Orange
Hillsboro' 22d April 1835.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator from John 9. 4 "The night cometh when no man can work." Constituted with prayer. Members present Ministers – W. Paisley, E.B. Currie Wm McPheeters D.D. E. Graves. S.L. Graham D.D. E.W. Caruthers, A.D. Montgomery. D.A. Penick, M. Osborne, D.L. Russell, A. Wilson, G.W. Ferrill, A.L. Watts, P. Pierson, I.S. McCutchan, D. Lacy, W.C. McElroy, S.J. Rice I.D. Hall, Jesse Rankin –

Elders. Saml White, Mat. Brown, A.W. Venable, Thos. P. Atkinson, M.P. Huntington, I.L. Worthan, W. Brown, A.R. Dusenbery, I.W. Norwood, John Atkinson, S.K. Sneed, I. Smith, A. McCauley –

Absent – Rev. S. Weller, W. Neil, I.H. Pickard G.C. Chesley, E. Mitchell, Thos Lynch, A.P. Goodrich and N.A. Harding –

The Rev. M. Osborne was chosen moderator, and the Rev. A. Wilson & W.C. McElroy clerks –

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 O'Clock.
Closed with prayer.

Thursday morning April 23d –

Presbytery met according to adjournment – Present as above. Opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last stated sessions of Presbytery were read – The absentees were called upon for reasons of absence from former meetings of Presbytery.

Doct. Wm A. Shaw a ruling elder from the congregation of Washington appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

A call from the Church at Shiloh, to the Rev: S. L. Graham: D.D. was laid before Presbytery by Mr A.W. Venable; and being found in order, was put into the hands of Mr Graham.

It is understood by the Presbytery that the congregation of Shiloh expect but one half of the time of Dr Graham – Dr Graham informed Presbytery that he accepted the call from Clarksville heretofore put into his hands and also from Shiloh.

A call from the congregation of Rocky

River, Cabarrus County N.C. for the pastoral services of the Rev: D. A. Penick, was presented which being in order was put into the hands of Mr Penick.

The Rev: Th. Lynch appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.

A certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Newburyport was presented by the Rev Thomson Bird, whereupon Mr Bird was received as a member of this Presbytery.

The following persons were appointed committees on Session Books.

Allemance & Bethany	—	D. L. Rufsell & McCauley.
Bethel and Bethesda	—	Messrs Rankin & Duscuberg.
Bethlehem & Buffalo	—	Graham & M. Brown
Carmel & Chapel Hill	—	Carruthers & Venable
Clarksville & Cross Roads	—	Montgomery & Northam
Danville and Eno	—	Penick and Snead
Fairfield & Providence	—	Rufsell & McCauley
Greensboro & Grassy Creek	—	Hall & Norwood
High Rock & Hillsboro	—	Watts & Dr Atkinson
Hawfields & Haw River	—	Terrill & Huntington
Harmony & Leaksville	—	Pierson & Wm Brown

Lexington & Little River Mess^rs Lacy & M^r Atkinson
Lowisburg & Milton — — — M^c Elroy & Smith
Murfreesboro & New Hope — — Price & Shaw
Newbern & Nutbush — — M^c Cutchan & M^r Atkinson
Oxford and Raleigh — Wilson & Norwood
Red House & Shiloh — Rankin & Sneed
Spring Grove & Stony creek — Wm Paisley & S White
Speedwell & Washington — M^c Phueters & Venable
Warrenton — — — S Paisley & Sneed

The Rev: J. H. Pickard appeared in Presbytery & took his seat

A letter was received from M^r R. D. Rupell Licentiate under the care of this Presbytery requesting dismission to put himself under the care of the Pres. of Western District. Whereupon Resolved that M^r Rupell be dismissed according to his request.

Rev. D. L. Rupell, a commissioner to the last General Assembly made a report, which was laid on the table —

The Rev. D^r Graham, D. A. Penick & M^r A. W. Venable were appointed a committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

M^r Abram Walker, an elder from High Rock

appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.

Rev. N. H. Harding and S. S. Downy an elder from Grassy Creek, appeared in Presbytery & took their seats.

Rev. Mess^rs Penick and Rupell were appointed a Committee to take notes on the free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds & prepare a report to the Gen. Assembly.

Resolved. that the ordination of M^r Philips take place on Saturday at 11. O Clock

Mess^rs John L. Wood and Elijah Pickard, elders from Little river and Bethlehem appeared in Presbytery and took their seats —

The Board of Agency appointed, at the last stated meetings of Presbytery, to secure the objects of the Manual Labour School. Reported, which report with the general subject connected with the school was referred to the Rev Wm M^c Phueters D.D. Saml L. Graham D.D A. Wilson E.W. Caruthers, Wm Paisley, and Mess^rs Dasenbery and Norwood Elders — to report as soon as posible.

The Rev. Messrs Osborne and Wilson were appointed Commissioners to attend the next meeting of Genl Assembly — Dr M'Pheeters alternate to Mr Osborne and Mr Rice alternate to Mr. Wilson. Elders — Mr. J. S. Downey with Mr James Mebane as his alternate; and Dr Atkinson with Mr. W. Baird as his alternate.

The Treas. of Presbytery made his report, which was committed to an auditing committee consisting of Messrs Venable and Sneed.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 Oclock — Closed with prayer.

Friday morning 9 Oclock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment — Opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr Joseph J. Gray a licentiate from the Presbytery of Madison presented a dismission — Whereupon Resolved that Mr Gray be received under the care of this Presbytery.

A call was presented from the congregation in Oxford for the pastoral services of the Rev:

Jesse Rankin, which being found in order, was put into the hands of Mr Rankin. Mr. Rankin signified his acceptance of the call.

The committee on Session books reported. The auditing committee on the accounts of the Treas. reported which report was adopted and ordered to be recorded in the book of the Treasurer.

Rev. N. H. Harding resigned his office as Treasurer of Presbytery — Whereupon the following resolution was adopted — viz.

Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of Presbytery be tendered to the Rev. N. H. Harding for the diligent, faithful, and able manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office as Treasurer.

The committee on domestic Missions reported, which report was accepted and ordered to be filed.

Resolved — that the Board of Missions of the General Assembly be requested to direct all the missionaries labouring within our bounds under their direction, to report annually to this Presbytery.

Mr White ruling elder from Cross roads obtained

leave of absence and Mr. James McBane from the same congregation took his place.

The committee appointed to attend to the wants of Mr. Chaves - Reported that the monies received for the benefit of John Chavis from October last up to the present date amount to eighty three dollars 25 cents - And that the monies expended in his support during the same period amount to 81 dollars 95 cents, leaving a balance in favour of the charity fund of $1.30 - Which report was adopted.

Mr. Fedrick Nash, a ruling elder in the congregation of Hillsboro. was introduced by Mr. Rice as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry, and examined as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, and his motives in seeking the gospel ministry - Whereupon Resolved that Mr Nash be received under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

Rev. I. S. McCutchan applied for dismission to join the Presbytery of Concord - (Whereupon

it was resolved that he be, and he hereby is dismissed as a member in good and regular standing, to join the Presbytery aforesaid.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the Institution which this Presbytery contemplates establishing within its bounds presented the following report which was adopted & is as follows. viz. The committee consider the question as settled that if it be posible we must have such an institution. It is desirable that one uniform and persevering course should be persued in relation to it. To secure this object they recommend that the whole arrangements of the contemplated institution be committed to a board of Trustees to be chosen by Presbytery. consisting of 6 ministers & 6 ruling elders - to holit their office for three years one third of whom shall go out of office at the expiration of one year and the remaining two thirds at the expiration of two and three years in alphabetical order. It shall be the duty of this board to draw up a detailed plan for their own government and for the regulation of the constitution and to

submit the same to the Presbytery for their approbation. They shall elect teachers, collect moneys and have full power to carry into effect the wishes of this Presbytery in relation to said institution. It shall be their duty to report to the Presbytery semiannually. The committee further recommend that its present location be not changed.

Rev. Wm Paisley, D. A. Buick, and Mr James Mebane were appointed a committee to nominate trustees of the School about to be established at Greensboro.

A petition was presented from the congregation of Lewisburg for the ordination sine titulo of Mr Jos. J Gray - Whereupon Resolved that Presbytery proceed to take preparatory steps with a view to his ordination

Adjourned till to-morrow morning ½ past 8 Oclock - Closed with prayer.

Saturday morning ½ past 8 Oclock Presbytery met according to adjournment Opened with prayer - present as above.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Rev. E. Mitchell appeared in Presbytery and having assigned reasons for not appearing earlier took his seat.

The Stated Clerk made a statistical report which was adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the Clerk of the General Assembly.

The committee appointed to examine Prof. Philips reported and recommended that his examination be sustained -

Rev. Wm Neil having applied for a dismission from this Presbytery to join E. Hanover Presbytery. Whereupon it was resolved that Rev. W Neil be and he hereby is dismissed in full standing to join the Presbytery of E Hanover Virginia.

Presbytery proceeded to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. J. Rankin to the pastoral charge of the church at Oxford. Whereupon it was ordered, that Rev. Dr Graham preside and preach the sermon, Rev Mr Harding charge the people. Rev Mr Price charge the minister & Messrs Harding and Price be the alternate, each of the other and that the installation take

place the Saturday before the 5th Sabbath of May.

Whereas the Rev. A Barnes of Philadelphia has recently published a Book entitled, Notes, Explanatory and Practical, on the Epistle to the Romans, designed for Bible classes and Sunday Schools. And whereas this Presbytery are informed by brethren in whom piety & soundness in the faith, and good judgment, we have confidence, that the Book in question contains statements and views of Christian Doctrine at variance with the doctrines of the Reformation, and calculated to impair the confidence of the young and the unwary in the Standards of the Presbyterian Church therefore — Resolved that in the opinion of this Presbytery the Book above mentioned ought not to be countenanced as a commentary proper to be used in the churches under our care or circulated among our Bible Classes and Sunday Schools.

A call from the congregation of High-Rock for the pastoral services of Mr. W. P. Forrest was laid before Presbytery, and being found in order, was put into the hands of Mr. Forrest — Mr Forrest signified his acceptance of the call.

Prof. Mitchell obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The committee appointed to nominate trustees of the Presbyterian School — reported, and the following persons were appointed.

Ministers		Elders		
Rev. E.W. Caruthers	}	W.H. Duscenberg	}	for one year
" S.L. Graham	}	" I. Gibson	}	
" M. Osborne	}	" I. Mebane	}	for two years
" W. Paisley	}	" C Mooring	}	
" I. Phillips	}	" I. Norwood	}	for 3 years
" A. Wilson	}	" A.W. Vandle	}	

Resolved — that the school about to be established by the Presbytery be called, The Caldwell Institute and Manual labour School of Orange Presbytery.

Rev. E. B. Currie and Sal D. Hall obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery –

Rev. M. Oborne was elected treasurer of Presbytery –

Resolved that Capt W. Peace of Raleigh be added to the Ex. Com of Education.

Resolved that Presbytery meet at High Rock on the Friday before the 4th Sabbath in May, to proceed to take the usual parts of trial for the Ordination of Mr W. P. Forrest – Rev. Wm Paisley to preside and give the charge to the minister – Mr Carruthers to preach the ordination sermon Mr Pickard to give the charge to the people Mr Lynch alternate of Mr Carruthers, Mr Currie to Mr Paisley, and Mr Bird to Mr Pickard –

Rev. Mr Pickard and Mr McCauley obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The committee on the minutes of the General Assembly – reported and the report was adopted.

Resolved that Presbytery meet at Louisburg on Friday before the 4 sabbath in June to proceed to take the usual parts of trial for the ordination of Mr I. I. Gray and Dr W. A. Shaw & that Dr McPherters preach the ordination sermon. Rev N. H. Harding preside Dr Graham charge the evangelists and Mr Rankin be alternate of either.

Mr Gray was directed to prepare a sermon on John 15th 22d

Dr Shaw to prepare a sermon on 2d Peter 1st 10th v.

Resolved that the trustees of the Caldwell Institute and Manual Labour school of Orange Presbytery be directed to pay the Rev D. L. Russell the sum due him for his services & expenses as Agent of the Presbytery – viz. $ 173

Resolved that the installation of Rev S. L. Graham at Clarksville take place on saturday before the 2d Sabbath of July – that Mr McElroy preach the sermon and Mr Wilson give the charge to the pastor and people. Mr Harding alternate of either.

Resolved that the installation of Dr Graham

at Shiloh take place on Saturday before the 3d sabbath in June and that Rev Jesp. Rankin preach the sermon and Rev: N. H. Harding give the charge to the pastor & people.

Resolved— that the Resolution (see page 147) adopted at the last stated sessions of Presbytery at Greensboro. respecting Mr John C Davis be commended to the special notice of the members of this Presbytery. as expressive of their continued determination to secure a competent support for this aged Licentiate of our Presbytery.

2nd That the case of Mr Davis be laid before each church and congregation within the bounds of our Presbytery.

According to arrangements adopted at the last Stated Sessions of Presbytery, Professor Phillips, with a view to his ordination, delivered a discourse on the subject previously assigned him. And was examined on Church Government Pastoral Theology- and the Sacraments.

Professor Phillips having [now] passed through the usual trials required of Licentiates preparatory to ordination- And Presbytery being satisfied as to his qualifications for the Sacred Office. proceeded to ordain him to the whole Work of the Gospel Ministry by prayer, and with the laying on of the Hands of the Presbytery, according to the Apostolic example.

The Rev C. Mitchell preached the ordination Sermon Dr McPheeters presided and offered the ordinary prayer, and, with the other members of Presbytery, gave the right hand of fellowship.

The Charge to the newly ordained Evangelist was then given by the Rev M. Osborne.

Adjourned to meet on Monday morning 9 o'clock Closed with prayer—

Monday morning April 27.

Presbytery met according to adjournment Opened with prayer.

The minutes of last meeting were read.

Whereas the Presbyterian church in the United States has for several years past been perplexed and agitated in consequence of certain insinuations and suspicions which have been extensively spread abroad in relation to the heterodoxy of ministers of our denomination and their departure from the Spirit and letter of our Standards; Therefore Resolved that the members of this Presbytery with the view of satisfying each other and their brethren generally as to their own individual or the doxy do hereby declare and avow their fixed and continued adherence to those standards of doctrine & ecclesiastical order which in their obvious and intended sense they have heretofore solemnly subscribed.

The Trustees of the Caldwell Institute informed Presbytery that they had unanimously elected Rev. A. Wilson one of the teachers of said institution. Whereupon upon motion of Mr Osborne from the committee appointed by the trustees for that

purpose it was res.d that the congregation of Spring grove and Providence be cited by Mr Rankin and Mr Sneed to appear by their commissioners before Presbytery to show cause if any they have why Mr Wilsons pastoral relation shall not be dissolved.

The Rev. G.C. Chesley requested dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of West-Hanover. Whereupon it was resolved that he be & he hereby is dismissed as a member in good and regular standing to join the Presbytery aforesaid

The Presbytery held a free conversation on the state of religion within their bounds.

The following exercises were assigned to Mr Nash viz: An miracula idonea testimonia sint divinae missionis for an exegesis 1 John 1.6.13 v for a critical exercise Psalm 15 for a lecture Rom. 8. 1. for a popular sermon.

The committee of supplies reported and the report was adopted and is as follows viz: —

The Committee of Supplies, beg leave to make the following report, viz: that it be recommended to the members of Presbytery, to spend between this time and the next meeting of Presbytery, at least 2 weeks of Missionary labour in the following Counties. viz:

Mr Elroy & Pinick	Surry County
Saml. Paisley & Harding	Rockingham
Pickard and Hall	Stokes
W. Paisley & Caruthers	Davidson & Randolph
Currie & Lyndch	Person
Ferrel & Prof. Philips	Chatham
Doak and Graves	Warren & Nash
Wilson and Graham	Halifax & Northampton
Rankin & Gray	Johnson and Wayne
Price & Montgomery	Pitt & Halifax Va.
Miller & Russell	Hertford & Bertie
Mr Peters & Osborne	Pitt & Beaufort
Sneed	Martin & Washington
Lacy	Lenoir & Jones

Resolved - That the sermon which Dr McPheeters was appointed to deliver commemorative of the death of Dr Caldwell be deferred till saturday the 15 of Oct: next at Lexington during the sessions of Presbytery.

Resolved That it be recommended to the members of the churches under the care of this Presbytery who are owners of slaves to impart to them such oral and catechitical instructions as are calculated to give them a knowledge of the plan of salvation and that for this purpose they make use of the Assemblys shorter catechism and Jones' catechism for coloured persons.

Resolved that Mr Price be added to the Esc: Com: of Education.

The Rev: D.L. Russell requested dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Mississippi. Whereupon was resolved that he be and he hereby is dismissed as a member in good and regular standing to join the Presbytery aforesaid.

Resolved unanimously that the thanks of this Presbytery be given to Mr Russell for his services as agent for the Manual labour school.

The Committee appointed to draft a narrative to be transmitted to the General Assembly presented a report which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded accordingly.

Resolved that the 21st of May be a day of fasting humiliation and prayer by the members of this Presbytery with reference to the state of religion among ourselves.

Resolved that next stated sessions of Presbytery be held at Lexington on Friday the 9th Oct. at 11 oclock A. M.

Resolved that as a general rule all the pious and indigent young men within our bounds who have in view the Gospel Ministry, ought to be placed formally under the care of the Education Committee and receive through said Committee either directly or indirectly, all their supplies.

Resolved that the education committee be instructed to confine their

benefactions to young men who are members of some Church within our bounds.

Resolved that it shall be deemed irregular for any beneficiary under the care of our own Education Committee to place themselves under the care of any other Presbytery, with a view to obtain a license to preach the Gospel.

Adjourned to meet at High Rock the 22 of May at 12 oclock A.M.

Closed with prayer.

Saml. L. Graham Stated Clerk

High Rock church May 22d 183

Presbytery met according to adjournment, constituted with prayer - Members present - Rev: W. Paisley. John H Pickard E. W. Caruthers. and Thos Lynch, Ministers. Mr. Abraham Walker a ruling elder.

The Rev: W. Paisley was chosen Moderator & E. W. Caruthers clerk pro tem.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Mr Forrest on the sacraments, and on the government and discipline of the church. which examination was sustained as part of trial. Mr Forrest was then directed to deliver his trial sermon previous to ordination in the church on tomorrow morning at 11 O'clock. Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 11. O'clock. Closed with prayer.

May 23d

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present as above. opened with prayer. The Rev: T. Bird appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

The Rev: James M. Brown a member of the Presbytery of Winchester, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr Forrest delivered a discourse on the subject assigned him, which was sustained as part of trial. E. W. Caruthers preached the ordination sermon. Mr Forrest having answered in the affirmative the questions required in the book of discipline to be put to candidates before ordination - he was set apart to the whole work of the gospel ministry by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Mr Paisley presiding and offering the ordaining prayer.

The Rev: W Paisley then delivered a charge to the newly ordained pastor, & the Rev: J. H. Pickard to the congregation. Presbytery adjourned to meet at Louisburg on the Friday before the 4th Sabbath in June.

Closed with prayer.

Lewisburg 26th June 1835-

Presbytery met according to adjournment. and was constituted with prayer by the Rev: S.L. Graham. Senior minister. Present- S.L. Graham. I Rankin, S Wallis ministers- Dr J.L. Worthom. and R.J. Elliott elders. Mr Rankin was chosen Moderator protem. and S.L. Graham Clerk.

The congregations of Providence, and Spring Grove appeared before Presbytery by their Comm: and opposed the dissolution of Mr Wilsons pastoral relation where upon it was resolved. That final action on this subject be deferred until the next stated sessions of Presbytery-

Rev: Mr Harding & Watts appeared in Presbytery and took their seats.

Dr W. A Shaw was examined on the sacraments and church government- and his examination was sustained-

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 Oclock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday morning 8 Oclock

Presbytery met according to adjournment and united in prayer. Members present as yesterday. Dr Worthom obtained leave of absence- Minutes of yesterday were read Mr Gray was examined on the Sacraments and Church government. which examination was sustained- Mr Gray & Dr Shaw read discourses on the subjects assigned them which were sustained.

The Presbytery proceeded to ordain Mr Gray & Dr Shaw to the whole work of the gospel ministry by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery after the apostolical example. Mr Harding presided and made the ordaining prayer. Mr Rankin preached the sermon and Mr Graham gave the charge to the evangelists.

Adjourned to meet at Lexington Oct: 9th 1835 at 11 Oclock

Sam: L. Graham, Stated clerk.

21st Session of the Synod of N.C. Salisbury 16th Oct. 1835. Thus far examined & approved W. A. Shaw moderator.

Minutes of the 131st Sessions of the
Presbytery of Orange
Lexington Oct: 9th 1835.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and in the absence of the Moderator was opened with a sermon by Dr. McPheters from Heb 4. 1. "Let us therefore fear lest a promise being left us &c"

Constituted with prayer —

Members present Ministers, W. McPheters D.D. S. Paisley. S.L. Graham D.D. D. A. Penick, A. Wilson G. Fenell, A.L. Watts, P. Pierson. Thos Lynch. D Lacy. W McElroy. S.J. Price. T. Bird. W.A. Shaw. W.P. Forrest.

Elders — J. Conrad. F. Nash jr. S. Turrentine —

Rev. Thos Lynch was chosen Moderator, Revs Messrs Bird & Lacy temporary Clerks, The minutes of the last stated sessions were read. Letters were received from Revs Messrs Pickard and Osborne, assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery, which were sustained.

A committee consisting of Drs McPheters and Graham was appointed to audit the accounts

of the Treasurer ——

Mr Price requested that the pastoral relation subsisting between himself and the congr: of Hillsborough be dissolved, and the Elder from that congregation having stated that he had not been authorized to oppose this application, the request was granted.

Mr Phillips was appointed to inform the congregation of this resolution.

The Moderator, with Mr Pierson & Conrad was appointed a committee to make arrangements for religious services during the sessions of the Presbytery.

Calls from the churches of Griers & Fair field for the pastoral services of the Rev: Thos Lynch were presented and being found in order, were, on motion, put into the hands of Mr Lynch —

A letter requesting the ordination of Mr Doak a licentiate of this Presbytery was forwarded by the churches of Eno & Little River which was, on motion, put into the hands of Messrs Wilson, Watts and Vass as a

committee to report thereon.

The report of the committee of Education was presented by the Chairman of said committee, read and approved; and the resolution contained in that report was adopted. Viz.

Whereas the Beneficiaries of this Presbytery, owing to their location at different and distant places, do not, in many cases, come under the immediate care and supervision of the Committee of Education or of any of its members — Therefore

Resolved, that the committee be authorized to appoint, from time to time, one or more persons convenient ly situated, who shall be requested to inspect the deportment of the Beneficiaries — converse with them on the subject of experimental religion — impart to them suitable advice — and examine them quarterly, or oftener, if convenient, as to their proficiency in their literary and Scientific Studies preparatory to the Gospel Ministry — and to make report to the Committee.

Mr J. T. Ely a candidate for the gospel min-
=istry under the care of the 2nd Pres: of Philidelphia
presented a cirtificate of good standing in said
Presbytery and of dismission therefrom to put
himself under the care of this Presbytery:
Whereupon he was received — The parts of trial
assigned to Mr Ely by the Presbytery of
Philidelphia were continued. Viz: "De Deo" —
as a Latin Exegesis — "Jones ii: 14-26 — as the
subject of a critical exercise — "The parabl
of the prodigal Son" — of a lecture, and "Rom-
=ans viii. 1. — of a popular Sermon.

Mr A. G. Hughes was introduced to Presby:
as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry —
was examined on his acquaintance with
experimental religion — his views & motives
in desiring the sacred office, and the
Presbytery being satisfied he was accord-
=ingly received under its care — The follow
=ing subjects were assigned to Mr Hughes
as parts of trial viz: "Non est res in differen
! quam religionem ejusque colat" for a Latin

Exegesis and 1st Tim iii: 14–16 for a critical
exercise —

The Committee on Ordinations and installations
reported that they had performed the duties
respectively assigned them, which reports
were accepted.

The Trustees of the Caldwell Institute re-
-ported a plan for the government of the
same, which report together with all the
papers relating to that subject, was referred
to a Committee consisting of Drs M'Pheeters
and Graham, and Messrs Wilson, Watts,
and Judge Nash to report thereon as soon
as convenient.

Rev: W. Paisley appeared in Presbytery and took
his seat.

The subject of dissolving the pastoral relation
between Mr Wilson and the congregations of
Providence and Spring Grove was taken up &
the Presbytery being informed that the steps
required by the constitution had been taken,
thereupon dissolved the pastoral relation,

and these churches are accordingly declared vacant.

Revs Messrs Wilson and Watts were appointed a Committee to divide the Presbytery into four examining Committees.

The reports on supplying destitute regions with voluntary missionary labour were called for, and from the reports of the brethren, it appears that they have generally failed in the discharge of the duties recommended to them.

Messrs McElroy and Price were appointed a Committee of Supplies.

Rev J. D. Hall appeared in Presbytery and took his seat, Dr Currie an Elder from Speedwell Congregation appeared in Presbytery - and took his seat.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock — Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock Oct: 10

Presbytery met according to adjournment Opened with prayer—

Present as above with the addition, of Rev: A.D. Montgomery who appeared and took his seat.

Rev: S.J. Price applied to Presbytery for a certificate of dismission to the Presbytery of West Hanover, and it was resolved that he be and he hereby is dismissed as a member in good and regular standing to join the Presbytery aforesaid.

The Committee of supplies made their report, which was accepted and is as follows.

Harding & McElroy — Pittsylvania & Caswell

Montgomery & Doak — Person and Halifax Va

Bird & Hall. Rockingham. Surry and Stokes

Graham & McElroy - So much of the counties of Pittsylvania Halifax and Mecklenburg as belongs to this Presbytery

Rankin and Ferrell Vacant churches in Granville

Graham, Gray, & Miller, Northampton, Bertie & Halifax

Dr McPheeters & Osborne — Johnston & Wayne.

Mitchell & Phillips — Chatham & Hillsboro'

W. Paisley & Graves — — Randolph —

Pickard & Currie — — Guilford & Orange

Caruthers — — — Davidson
Pickard and Patterson — Ashe —
The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurers a/c's reported, That they have examined the accounts of Rev: Mr Osborne the late Treasurer, & find them correctly stated, and in every case supported by the necessary Vouchers —
Rev: Mr Osborne tendered to Presbytery his resignation of the Office of Treasurer, which was accepted, & the thanks of Presbytery were returned to Mr Osborne for the faithful discharge of his duties as Treasurer.
Mr N. C. Read of Clarksville was elected the Treasurer of Presbytery in the place of Mr Osborne resigned —
The committee appointed to divide the Presbytery into four examining committees, reported, which report was accepted and is as follows —
The Committee for dividing the members of Presbytery into four committees, for conducting the examination of candidates - report as follows — Viz:

First committee, to examine on English, Latin, Greek & Hebrew Languages, on Rhetoric Logic, Moral Philosophy & modern Geography — Dr McPheeters Messrs Goodrich Miller, Lacy, Bird & Wilson.
Second Com. To examine on Mathematics, Natural Philosophy & Astronomy - Messrs Mitchell, Hardin, Caruthers, Phillips, Montgomery, Hall, & Gray.
Third Committee. To examine on Jewish Antiquities, Ancient Geography, Chronology, Church History & church Government, Messrs McElroy Wm Paisley, S Paisley, Shaw, Graves & Turrell.
Fourth Committee - to examine on Didactic, Polemic and Pastoral Theology. Dr Graham, Messrs Currie Rankin, Lyon, Watts, and Pickard — —
Mr John Paisley was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry — was examined on his acquaintance with experi-

imental religion – his views and motives in desiring to enter the Sacred Office; & the Presbytery being satisfied with the examination he was accordingly received under its care.

The following subjects were assigned to Mr Paisley as parts of trial, "Error in doctrines religionis speculativis, non est innocens;" for a Latin Exegesis," Heb VI: 4.6. "For it is impossible &c" for a critical exercise, Psalm XCXIII. for a lecture, & Eph XXXIII: 11. for a popular sermon.

The Committee appointed to report on the Caldwell Institute; made a report; which was accepted – approved & ordered to be filed.

The report of the Orange Presbytery Female Scholarship was laid before Presbytery by the former Treasurer Dr McPheeters – was accepted and referred to a committee consisting Dr Grahams & Rev: Messrs Wilson & Watts to

report thereon as soon as convenient –

Mr Ely read a Latin Exegesis, and a critical Exercise on the subjects assigned him by his former Presbytery, which were sustained as parts of trial.

Dr Graham was requested by Presbytery to carry the contingent fund of Presbytery to Mr Read the Treasurer &c

Capt R. Black, a ruling Elder from the Church of Shiloh appeared in Presbytery and took his seat

Leave of absence was granted to Revd Messrs Wilson & Hall till monday 12 O Clock.

The report of the committee on the Caldwell Institute, was on motion, reconsidered and the 5th Section of the VIth article was so ammended as to read thus; "That all acts of vice & immorality among the students are strictly forbidden under such penalties as the faculty may deem proper."

Dr McPheeters was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Caldwell Institute

to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev: Mr Osborne.

The Rev: M Osborne requested dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of New-York, Whereupon it was resolved that he be and hereby is dismissed as a member in good and regular standing, to join the Presbytery aforesaid.

A Committee of Missions was appointed consisting of Rev: Messrs W. Paisley & W Carruthers Thos Lyndt, A Wilson, & Messrs Christopher Morrow Jos A M'Lean & Silas Lindsly.

The next stated meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Washington on the thursday night before the first Sabbath in April 1836.

Adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 O'clock - Closed with prayer.

Lexington

Monday morning 9 O'clock 12th Oct.

Presbytery met according to adjournment - Opened with prayer. Members present as above with the addition of the Rev N. H. Harding, who appeared in Presbytery

and took his seat. The minutes of Saturday were read.

Judge Nash & Dr Currie obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery—

The case of Mr Davis was brought before Presbytery and subscriptions for his support taken up amounting to

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Collections were made from the members of Presbytery for the expenses of the Stated Clerk of Synod amounting to six dollars twenty five cents.

Rev: Mr Forrest obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Dr McPheeters, who had been appointed to deliver a discourse during the present sessions of the Presbytery commemorative of the late Revd Dr Caldwell, stated reasons to Presbytery, why it was impracticable for him to perform, at this time the duty

assigned him.

Therefore Resolved. That said discourse be delivered during the next stated sessions of the Presbytery.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from the congregations of Enos and Little River report & their report was adopted & is as follows. viz.

That they have considered the subject with as much attention and care as they conveniently could, and inasmuch as there has been a considerable revival at Little River which is said to be still progressing, and the labours of an ordained minister seem to be greatly needed, Your committee recommend that the request of the petitioners be granted—

Resolved—that the ordination of Mr D. Doak take place on the Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in November at Little River—that Eph: iii: 8. be assigned as the subject of a sermon preparatory to his ordination—The Rev: E B Currie to preside. Thos Lyon to deliver the charge to the evangelist, E. W. Caruthers to preach the Sermon Rev I Phillips alternate to Mr Caruthers.

Rev: G. M. Ferrell of Mr Lynch and A. Wilson of Mr Currie.

Resolved that in future it be deemed irregular and improper for any Candidate under the care of this Presbytery, or for any Beneficiary Connected with the Committee of Education to engage in the business of teaching, or to remove out of the bounds of this Presbytery for the purpose of pursuing his academic Studies preparatory to the Gospel Ministry, without consulting formally, and obtaining the approbation of the Presbytery, or the committee of Education.

The committee on the Orange Presbytery Female Scholarship, reported as follows-

Resolved - that Dr McPheeters be requested to continue his attention to the funds of the Orange Presbytery Female Scholarship, until it shall amount including principal and interest to twenty five hundred dollars & that he then report the matter to the Presbytery. The report was adopted.

The following ministers and Elders were appointed the Standing Committee of Education. viz: Dr Graham, Rev: Messrs H Hardias & Rankin. and Messrs N. C. Read, Saml V Watkins, and Thos B Littlejohn.

The term of Service of Dr Graham & Rev Mr Carruthers and Messrs Duisenburg & Gibson Trustees of the Caldwell Institute, having expired, The following gentlemen were elected by ballot, to serve as Trustees of said Institute for the term of three years - viz: Dr Graham and Rev E. Caruthers & Messrs J. Nash & J. L. Leascer.

The members of Presbytery were called on to state what they had done in relation to the recommendation of a former Presbytery in reference to instructing the children of the Church in the Assembly's Shorter catechism; and they reported that it had been generally been attended to.

Rev: Mr Lynch informed Presbytery, that he accepted the Calls put into his hands.

from the Churches of Griers and Fairfield. And the Committee appointed to make arrangements for his Installation, recommend that it take place at Griers on Monday after the 4th Sabbath in Oct:- That Rev: Mr Montgomery preach the sermon & Rev: A. Wilson give the charge to the people and pastor.

That Revs: Messrs E.B. Currie G.W. Ferrell & their alternates- and at Fairfield on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath of Nov: That Rev G.W. Ferrell preach the sermon. Rev J.P. Kilpatrick give the charge to the people and pastor. that Rev E.B. Currie be alternate to either.

Resolved- that the examination of Mr Ely be the order of the day for tomorrow at 9 O'clock.

Messrs Hughes & Paisley were examined by the committee appointed by Presbytery for that purpose, on the following studies of their literary course. viz: The Latin and Greek Languages, English grammar. Mathematics. modern Geography- and Natural

Philosophy, which examinations being reported were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.)

Rev: Saml Paisley, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Mr Turrentine obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 O'clock- Closed with prayer.

Lexington

Oct: 13th Tuesday morning 9 O'clock

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer, Members present as above. The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Rev: D.A. Penick requested dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Concord, Whereupon it was resolved that he be and hereby is dismissed as a member in good and regular standing, to join the Presbytery aforesaid.

The order of the day was called up, and Mr Ely was examined on Theology, natural and revealed; & on ecclesiastical history, the Sacraments, and Church government, which

examinations were sustained as parts of Trials.

Rev. E.W. Carruthers, appeared in Presbytery and having assigned reasons of his absence took his seat.

The following persons are at this time Candidates under the care of this Presbytery.

1st Messrs Wm A Melane at Princeton Theol Seminary
2nd - - A. E. Thom - " - - Union ditto
3d - - F. Nash " - - do - - do
4th - - J.J. Ely " do - - do
5th - - A.G. Hughes "
6th - - - J. Paisley "
7th - - - L Murray " Union Seminary

The following are the licentiates of this Presbytery

Messrs D. G Doak
" N. B Patterson
J. Chaves (man of colour)

The Committee of Education have under their care at this time fourteen Beneficiaries Viz: 1. C Adams, 2. R Anderson 3. E Kinn. 4. B.M. Hobson. 5th J.H. Hutchins. 6. J.C. Thomson. 7. C.B. Daniel. 8. A.E. Thom. 9. Fenner M. Walker, 10. W.C. Sutton, 11. Saml D. Schoolfield 12. George Pile. 13 Wm Dunham. & 14th Wm Burchett.

Whereas the practice of ordaining Licentiates to the whole work of the Gospel ministry "Sine Titulo" at the request of our Congregations has a tendency to introduce them into the sacred office when they have as Probationers preached a period, generally too short to answer the purposes in view.

And whereas many of the members of this Presbytery regard the above practice as more or less at variance with the letter and spirit of our Constitution, and as calculated, in some degree at least, to bring into disrepute, throughout our Churches, the Pastoral relation with its numerous important benefits, Therefore

Resolved. That, in future, it be deemed unadvisable and irregular, either for our Congregations or for our Probationers to press, by petition or other-

=wise the subject of Ordination "sine Titulo" unless it be under circumstances coming clearly under the exciting provisions of the Constitution.

Presbytery being informed that Mr Penland is agent for the am: S. S. Union in N.C. it was unanimously Resolved. That Mr Penland & his object be commended to the prayers and liberality of the Churches under our care—

Resolved that it is expedient, so to divide the Presbytery of Orange, as to form a New Presbytery in the eastern part of the State, the western boundery of which shall be the western boundery lines of the Counties of Granville, Wake, & so much of the county of Mecklenburg Va: as lies within the bounds of the Presbytery of Orange—

The following Preamble & resolutions relative to the late Dr Caldwell were read, approved and adopted unanimously.

Tribute of respect to the Memory
of Rev: Joseph Caldwell D. D.

Whereas it has pleased the Great Head of the Church to remove from among us our dearly beloved brother and fellow labourer the Rev: Joseph Caldwell D. D. late President of the University of North Carolina on the 27th of January 1835.

We the Presbytery of Orange assembled at Lexington N.C. ardently desirous to testify, individually and collectively, our deep and heartfelt respect for the memory of our Reverend and most tenderly beloved brother, do unanimously adopt the following resolutions, viz—

1. Resolved, That while we bow with entire submission and humble resignation, as becometh christians, to the will of our Heavenly Father and our God, we feel deeply sensible of the loss we have sustained in the decease of our venerated and beloved brother Joseph Caldwell:

2nd Resolved, That we feel it to be a melancholy duty and privilege to mingle our sym-=pathies with those of the Church generally, and with that portion of it especially, which this bereavement touches most nearly in its most precious interests. Dr Caldwell was indeed a father in our Israel - a light that burned steadily and shone conspi-=cuously before all those around him who were within, as well as before those who are without the pale of the visable Church. God had endowed him with talents of a high order, and by his diligence his mind was enlarged to the acquisition of rich and varied attainments in Science. His judgment was clear and solid, his sagacity prompt and penetrating - his understanding acute and comprehensive. His integrity was proverbial for its inflexible firmness. His benevolence was enlarged, judicious & consistent. His wisdom in deliberation

was only equaled by his energy and indefat-igable perseverence in the accomplishment of his laudable and benificent designs. But it was his devotedness to God, which most excited our admiration for his Virtues - his ardent piety, his true humility, and his holy walk and conversation, bound him to the hearts of all Christians, by the cords of the tenderest es-teem and the most lasting affection. His precepts and example animated the Chris-tian and awed the ungodly. His chief glory was that self sacrificing disposition, by which he seemed always actuated, the desire of laying all his honours at the foot of the cross of the Lord Jesus, and of spending and being spent in his service. He was always ready to engage in labours of love & mercy in the church and in the world, and lent the zealous cooperation of his talents and influence in the promotion of every judicious scheme of benevolence. We need hardly add, that in our Church judicatories he was a lib-

and influential counsellor, to whose judgment great deference was freely and fully accorded.

Of the amount of good, which this able and faithful servant of Christ during a period of 40 years, has been the instrument of accomplishing, although we can trace every where around us, many visable fruits of his active and self denying labours, yet we truly believe that eternity only can disclose the full harvest, with which God in his glorious counsels of grace, designs to reward his toils, his watchings and his prayers.

The great Head of the Church chose to display His wisdom and mercy, in assigning to Dr Caldwell, the humble but most arduous and vitally important Task of a Sower; and he went forth weeping and bearing precious seed, strewing them on every variety of soil, whereon he was called to bestow his patient and self denying

labours. We cannot therefore for a moment doubt the faithfulness of our Covenant keeping God, that he will rejoice the soul of his servant by giving him to see side by side, with the reapers, that glorious harvest of immortal price and beauty, which they have all been mutually instrumental in gathering into his Intelligent Kingdom.

3d Resolved, That we do render our unfeigned thanks to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for giving us such a man and for sparing him to labour so long with and for us, in the edification of the church, which he has purchased with His own blood, And we fervently pray that He may continue His love and mercy toward us: And that it may please Him to send forth more labourers into His harvest of such as He would delight to own and bless, who may carry on and complete under the guidance of His Spirit, the purposes of His grace and mercy towards His kingdom among us and throughout the world.

4th Resolved, That the Presbytery desire to view this dispensation of an All wise Provi=dence not only as a call to try the patience of the Church, within our bounds, but as an incentive to increase her holiness: a motive to animate the wisdom fidelity and perseverance of the ministers and people of God, in untiring zeal and steadfast step in their holy vocation, that their time also may be filled up with similar works of love and mercy in their respective stations in life. So that, when the Chief Shepherd shall appear they too, having had grace to be faithful by patient continuance in well do=ing even unto death, may each receive the reward of glory, honor & immortality, with the unfading crown of eternal life.

The Rev. W. Paisley informed Presbytery that certain reports were in circulation seriously affecting the moral character of Rev. W. P. Forrest and very injurious to the cause of religion; - Whereupon Dr Graham, S Paisley & Hon. F. Nash were appointed a committee to inquire whether the case required the action of Presbytery.

The committee on W. Forrests case reported. That common rumour charges Mr. W. P. Forrest with gross immorality, inconsistent with the Christian character, which rumour, as they are informed, is generally believed in the region of country where the facts are said to have taken place, and requires the serious and prayerful interposition of Presbytery. They recommend that proceedings be forthwith instituted against Mr Forrest on the ground of common fame; on the following charges and specifications, Viz:

Charge 1st Falsehood.

Specification. Denying that he turned out of the road, in a blind right hand path, two miles, or thereabouts, on the road, leading from Madison to

Rockingham C. H., near Hardins, in the afternoon of the fourth Monday of August 1835. Witnesses on behalf of Presbytery. Mr Porter, Miss Porter, Alfred Scales, Dr A. W. Scales, John Leadeur, James Scales, Thompson Bird, Mr Murphey (bricklayer) Joshua Smith, Dr R. Wall, Dr L Currie, Mr D. L. Jordan, Edmund Martin. Charge 2d Uncleanness.

Specification. That in the afternoon of the 4th Monday of August 1835, on or near the road leading from Madison to Rockingham C.H., he had adulterous communication with Ann Hall at or near the blind path aforesaid. Witnesses. The same as above.

The above report was adopted. The clerk was directed to issue citations to all the above witnesses, to appear at Madison, Thursday the 26th of Nov. next. at 9 o'Clock A.M. He was directed also to cite any witnesses Mr Forrest may desire to be examined on his own behalf. Resolved, That Mr W. P. Forrest be cited to appear at Madison at the time above specified to answer to the above charges and specifications and that the stated Clerk furnish him with a copy of the above charges and specifications and a list of

the witnesses above mentioned.

Resolved, That an adjourned meeting of Presbytery be held at Madison, commencing the Wednesday night before the 3d Sabbath of Nov. next at 7 o'Clock P.M.

Adjourned to meet at Salisbury at the call of the Moderator.

October 16th 1835

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, in the town of Salisbury. Present. The Revd Thomas Lynch Mod. Rev. W. Paisley. J. L. Graham D.D. Elder W. Carruthers. A. D. Montgomery. W. McPheeters D.D. N. A. Harding, A. Wilson, G. Ferrill. A. J. Watts W. A. Shaw, P. Pierson, L. D. Hall, J. Bird, W. C. McElroy, Elder Judge Nash.

It was moved and seconded that Dr Graham inform the Synod that this Presbytery are ready for a division of Synod.

Resolved, That A Wilson collect the directors fund for the U. S.

Adjourned to meet at Little River Nov. 25th 1835.

See P. 229.

Madison Nov. 25th 1835

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present, Ministers, E.B. Currie, Thomas Lynch, W.C. McElroy and Thompson Bird. Elders John Barnwell & Francis Wilkinson - Constituted with prayer by the Modr. Thomas Lynch. Thompson Bird was chosen temporary Clerk. Adjourned to meet tomorrow Morning at 9 O'Clock - Closed with prayer.

Nov. 26. 1835

Presbytery met according to adjournment, present as above. Opened with prayer. Other members of Presbytery being expected, it was moved to take a recess till 12 O'Clock

After recess Presbytery met. Present as above with the additions of the Rev I.A. Pickard, and elders Doct Currie, Abraham Walker & L.L. Leseur.

The case of W.P. Ford who had been cited to appear before Presbytery

on this day - to answer to the following charges and specifications. (See pages 221. & 222). On enquiry it was ascertained that citations had been served on all the witnesses both in behalf of Presbytery and the accused. When the witnesses in behalf of Presbytery were called Mr Joshua Smith did not appear. It was stated to Presbytery that Mr Smith would not be present during its sessions. It was known to Presbytery that some time previous to its meeting Smith had made statements in the presence of Rev I.A. Pickard, Thompson Bird & Drs Wall, Currie, & Scales and Mr Forest also - as to what he knew of the case now pending. Mr Forest was then asked, whether he would waive all legal forms and permit Presbytery to introduce the above persons to relate the declarations of Smith as made in their presence. Mr Forrest stated that he was willing to accede to the proposal. Whereupon Presbytery declared itself ready to proceed with the trial. Mr Forest was then asked if he was ready for trial. He stated, he was. The Moderator reminded the Presbytery that they were about to act

as an ecclesiastical court of the Lord Jesus Christ and of the solemn responsibility that rested on them as such. L. L Leuseur was appointed to conduct the prosecution on the part of Presbytery. The Charges and Specifications were then read to Mr Forrest, to which he plead "not guilty". Witnesses were then introduced on behalf of Presbytery and sworn. Several were examined and others defered till tomorrow. Adjourned to meet at half past nine o'Clock in the Morning. Closed with prayer.

Nov. 27th 1835

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as above with with the addition of Rev. A. Wilson, E. W. Carruthers and William Paisley. Opened with prayer. The proceedings of the last meeting were read and corrected. The Presbytery then continued the investigation of the Charges and Specifications against W. P. Forrest till all the witnesses in behalf of Presbytery were introduced and examined. Witnesses for the accused were then introduced and examined. The Walls, who had been cited to attend in behalf of the accused, did not appear. Voted to take

a recess till 3 o'Clock in order to afford opportunity for their attendance.

Met after recess - the aforementioned witnesses not appearing, Presbytery appointed a commision, consisting of the Moderator, Thos. Lynch, A. Wilson, W. C McElroy, Thompson Bird and L L Lefeur to proceed to their residence and take their testimony. Voted to take a recess till 7 o'Clock, to afford the commision opportunity to accomplish the object for which they were appointed.

Met after recess the commision reported the testimony they had taken. Witnesses were then introduced to invalidate this testimony. Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at half past nine o'Clock. Closed with prayer.

Nov. 28th 1835

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as above - opened with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Prosecutor then presented a connected view of the evidence offered in the behalf of Presbytery. The accused then made his defence relative to the charges made against him.

The prosecutor then rejoined and closed the case. In view of the solemn duty that now devolved upon them - Presbytery spent some time in prayer to Almighty God for his guidance in the decision they were now about to make. After this the roll was called and the following persons at their own request were excused from voting. C.B. Currie, L.H. Pickard James Currie A. Walker, Francis Wilkinson. The remaining members of Presbytery then voted to sustain the first charge and specification. Presbytery voted not to prosecute the 2d charge & specification

A Wilson J Bird & L L Lesueur were appointed to prepare a minute on Mr-Forrest's case. The committee presented the following which was accepted and adopted.

Presbytery having patiently heard the testimony in the case of the Rev. W.P. Forrest who has been charged with falsehood; and although the evidence has been altogether circumstantial; yet the circumstances were so linked together, that Presbytery unanimously believe that the charge was sustained. It was therefore, resolved, That the Rev

W. P. Forrest be and hereby is suspended from the Gospel ministry. Adjourned to meet in Danville on the 28th April. Closed with prayer and the benediction

Note. The following minute should have been inserted after page 224.

Little River Nov. 21st 1835.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Present. Ministers, Rev C B Currie, Thomas Lynch, George Ferrell and James Phillips. Elders Wm. Clark & Mr Faucett. Mr. Phillips was chosen clerk. Mr. Doak preached a sermon from Ephes: 2d 8th, a text previously appointed him by Presbytery which was sustained as part of trial. He was then examined on natural and revealed religion and various parts of Pastoral Theology, on Church Government and the sacraments, and his examination sustained as part of trial.

Mr. Doak now having passed through the usual trials required of Licentiates, preparatory to ordination

and the Presbytery being satisfied as to his qualifications for the sacred office proceeded to ordain him apostollically to the office of a Bishop of the church of God, by prayer and with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery". – The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev James Phillips. The Rev. C. B. Currie made the ordaining prayer, the Rev. Thomas Lynch gave the charge to the Evangelist. The Presbytery was adjourned with prayer to meet at Madison on Wednesday the 25th Nov. 1835.

Minutes of the 132d Session of
Presbytery of Orange 1836.

Danville Va. April 20th

Presbytery meets according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator (The Rev. Thos. Lynch) from Numbers 16th – 9th "Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath seperated you from the congregation of Israel to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the Lord and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them. Constituted with prayer adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 Oclock A. M.

Danville, Thursday A. M. 21st April

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Members present. Ministers. Rev. W. Paisley – E. D. Currie L. H. Pickard – E. W. Caruthers – A. D. Montgomery – Thomas Lynch, G. Ferrill, W. C. McElroy, L. D. Hall, D. G. Dunlap, Elders. S. C. Lindsley, L. Mebane Zach: Nal, Dr. J. P. Atkinson, M. Brown, R. Rose, W. Wood, W. M. Lewis. Absent. S. Paisley, E. Graves, C. Mitchell, H. P. Goodrich, J. Bird, I. Phillips, & P. Pierson. Rev. E. W. Caruthers

was Chosen Moderator and Rev. A. D. Montgomery & Dr. Thos P. Atkinson temporary clerks.

New Members

The Rev A. A. Harding & A Wilson presented certificates of dismission from the Presbytery of Roanoke and requested to be received as members of this Presbytery. They were received.

Stated Clerk

The Rev. A. A Harding was appointed stated clerk.

The minutes of last sessions of Presbytery, not being present, Presbytery proceeded to business without them. — Messrs Harding, Lynch & Mebane were appointed a committee on benevolent institutions.

The following committees were appointed to review the records of Church sessions Viz — on the session Books of Hillsboro' — New-Hope & Buffalow, Pickard & Mebane.
" Bethlehem, Enoe & Alamance, Wm Paisley & W. M. Lewis.
" Little River — Speedwell & Bethel, Lynch & Neal
" High Rock, Leaksville & Haw River, McElroy & Dr. Currie
" Fairfield, Chapel Hill & Harmony, Ferrill & Ross
" Cross Roads, Hawfields & Carmel, Montgomery & Wood
" Stony Creek, Lexington & Danville, Doak & Atkinson

Milton, Red House & Bethany, Hall & Brown
Bethesda and Grears , Harding & Lindsley
Greensboro. , Wilson & Lewis

Messrs. Harding, McPheeters, Lindsley & Ross were appointed a committee to examine Messrs Ely & Thom on their literary course

A communication was received from the Presbytery of Roanoke on the subject of the Caldwell Institute, proposing to unite with this Presbytery in building up and sustaining said institution (according to the terms of union) which was ordered to be filed

The following preamble and resolutions, offered by Doct. Thos P. Atkinson were read and refered to a select committee, consisting of Dr. Atkinson and Messrs Harding, Montgomery, McPheeters and James Mebane. Whereas the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, did at their last sessions appoint a committee to take into consideration the subject of slavery and to report thereon at the next meeting of that body; and Whereas this Presbytery regard the institution of slavery as one falling

exclusively under the jurisdiction of the civil authority and in no wise cognizable by an ecclesiastical tribunal. Wherefore, Resolved

That we will hold any action on the slave question by the General Assembly as an unwise interference, with a matter the control of which pertains to the constituted authorities of the respective states, by whose laws it is recognised and whose citizens are the only proper judges of their own concerns.

The following resolutions were offered by the Rev. A. Wilson and adopted viz:-

Regarding with deep solicitude the present condition of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and taking into view the important and very exciting questions which are likely to come under discussion at the approaching meeting of the General Assembly, Therefore

Resolved 1st That this Presbytery will spend a part of this afternoon in special prayer to God for his blessing on our Church and on the meeting of its highest judicatory about to be held in the City of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in the month of May next.

Resolved 2d That it be earnestly recommended to all the members of our churches to be instant in prayer to God on behalf of our beloved Zion, that the peace, purity and unity of our Denomination may be preserved; and that on us the Spirit of God in his sanctifying and reviving influences may be poured out.

The Rev. Wm C. McElroy was appointed Treasurer of the Presbytery.

John Norwood, an Elder from the church in Millboro appeared and took his seat.

Dr Samy Currie an Elder from the church of Speedwell appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Robert Burwell a member of the Presbytery of East Hanover Va. presented a certificate of dismission from that body to join this Presbytery. He was accordingly received and took his seat as a member.

Messrs Thos Lynch and John Norwood were appointed a Committee to meet a similar Committee from Roan-

oke Presbytery to make such division of the funds belonging to the Presbyteries as shall be satisfactory to both parties

Members who were appointed at the last sesion of Presbytery to perform mipsionary labour in the destitutions of our bounds being called upon reported.

Rev. A. Wilson and Dr. Atkinson were appointed as committee of supplies. A call from the Church in Hillsboro. to the Rev R Burwell was presented, which being found in order was put into the hands of Mr Burwell. Mr Burwell signified his acceptance of the call. Resolved, That the installation of Mr Burwell take place in Hillsboro, the saturday before the third sabbath in May; and that the Rev. W. C. McElroy preside and preach the installation sermon and give the charge to the Pastor and that A. Wilson be his alternate. The Rev James Phillips give the charge to the people and Mr Doak be his alternate. —. The Revd A. A. Harding W. C. McElroy and A. D. Montgomery, ministers with Mepsrs.

W. W. Lewis, M. P. Huntington and Dr. Thos P. Atkinson, Elders, were appointed the Committee of Education.

Resolved that the next meeting of Presbytery be held in in Greensboro. on the 6th day of Oct. 1836 at 12 Oclock. noon

A free conversation was then held on the state of religion within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Mr James Mebane and Doct L Currie were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurers accounts.

Mepsrs Lynch Dr Atkinson and Neal were appointed a committee to apportion the commissioners fund among the churches. Adjourned to meet tommorow morning at half past Eight Oclock. Closed with prayer.

Danville April 22d 1836

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present as above. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Resolved that the name of Haw-River Church, be changed to Grim Grove.

The Rev. Robt. Burwell was appointed an Agent by this Presbytery to act with an Agent of the Presbytery

of Roanoke, on the affair of Mr. Chavis.

Resolved, At 3 o'Clock this afternoon the Presbytery will hear the trial sermon of W. Thom.

The Rev. Stephen Taylor of East Hanover Presbytery, being present was invited to a seat as a corresponding member.

Mr. I Mebane from the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurers account, made a report, which was accepted.

The Committee to whom was refered certain resolutions, proposing to instruct our commissioners to the next General Assembly, reported the same with amendment.

Mr. John Lesueur an Elder from the Church at Leaksville appeared and took his seat.

The Committee appointed to examine Messrs Thom and Ely on their literary course, reported and their report was accepted.

The following were assigned as parts of trial to Mr William A Mebane, viz; for a critical exercise, Isaiah 7-13-6 inclusive; for a lecture

Titus 3-3-7 inclusive; and for a popular Sermon Acts 3. 16.

The Rev. E.W. Caruthers, Bishop, with the Hon J Nash, Elder, were appointed commissioners to the next General Assembly; and the Rev. A. P. Goodrich Bishop, and W. M. Lewis, Elder, to be their alternates.

A communication was received from the Trustees of Caldwell Institute, asking an interest in the prayers of Presbytery and the Churches, that God would bless that institution. Whereupon it was resolved unanimously that the Rev A. A. Harding be and he is hereby appointed to present at the Throne of Grace, in the public congregation on next saturday, the interests of said institution; and that the communication from the Trustees be spread on the minutes.

To the Moderator of Orange Presbytery.

Rev. & Dear Sir

Believing that no seminary of learning can be permanently or extensively useful in advancing the interests of the Church of Christ, unless it be built up in reliance on the grace of God, and in answer to the prayers of his people: The Trustees

of the Caldwell Institute ask an interest in the prayers of Presbytery now in sesion

April 22d 1836.

The Rev Samuel Paisley applied for a dismission to join the Presbytery of Concord, Whereupon it was Resolved, That Mr Paisley be and he is hereby dismissed as a member in good and regular standing to join the Presbytery of Concord.

Dr. Atkinson, from the Committee appointed to apportion the Commissioners fund among the churches made the following report which was adopted. Viz. That Eno Church pay 5$ Leaksville 3$ Milton 8$ Danville 8$ Fairfield $3 Chapel Hill $5. Red House $8. Mansfield $6 Cross Roads $6. Nellyboro $10. Greensboro $6. Alamance $6. Buffalo $6. Little River $6. Stoney Creek $3. Bethesda $5. Bethel $5. Harmony $6. Bethany $5. Greers $4. New Hope $2. Carmel $2. Speedwell $2. Gum Grove $2. Bethlehem $2. Lexington $5.

Mr. Thom was examined on natural and revealed Theology - Church history - Church Government and the sacraments. He also read a critical exercise

on the subject previously assigned him - a popular sermon on Luke 16-31, all of which were sustained as part of trial.

Mr. Ely was examined on his literary course - natural and revealed Theology. He also read a critical exercise on the subject previously assigned him by this Presbytery - a lecture on Luke 15th 11-32 inclusive - also a popular sermon, all of which were sustained as part of trial.

Messrs Ely & Thom, having been examined on all the subjects prescribed by the confession of faith, and their examinations having been sustained, they were licensed to preach the Gospel as probationers for the ministry, according to the form appointed in the book of discipline.

Mr. Doak applied for leave of absence during the remaining sesions of Presbytery; which was granted.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 O'Clock. Concluded with prayer.

Danville April 23.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Present as above with the exception of Mr Doak.

Dr James Currie & Rev E.B. Currie had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Mr. Wilson from the committee of supplies reported and the report was accepted, viz.

Resolved, That in view of the moral depolations within our bounds, it be earnestly recommended to the the individual members of this Presbytery to spend at least two weeks in missionary labours in destitute places each one selecting such field as may appear most to require ministerial instructions

That each minister be called on at the next stated session of Presbytery to report the results of such labours.

Messrs Mebane, Lewis, Ferrill, Pickard, Hall & Currie from the several committees on Session Books, reported and their reports were adopted.

The Committee appointed to draw up a report on the state of Religion within the bounds of Presbytery, to the next General Assembly, reported, and their report was adopted.

Messrs Ferrill, Pickard and Neal obtained leaves of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The committee on the Session Books of Hopewell and Bethel, reported and their report was accepted.

The Rev. Mathew W. Jackson a member of West Lexington Presbytery, being present, on invitation took his seat as a Corresponding member.

Dr. McPheeters put into the hands of the Treasurer of Presbytery $7.30 which was ordered to be added to the Commissioners fund; this sum together with $8.50 previously paid by him to Mr Davis, is the amount received from the Church at Chapel Hill.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Rev. N.N. Harding and adopted Viz: Whereas the languishing state of our benevolent institutions, requires new efforts on the part of the friends of Zion: therefore,

Resolved, That at each stated meeting of Presbytery public meetings shall be held on the plan of the anniversary meetings of our large cities in behalf of these institutions, at which addresses shall

be made by persons previously appointed.

Dr. McPheeters from the committee appointed to divide the funds of Presbytery which were in the Treasury at the time the Presbytery was divided, reported, and the report was accepted and adopted as follows

The undersigned who were appointed to divide the funds belonging to the Presbytery between the Presbytery of Orange and Roanoke, beg leave to report that they have had the subject under consideration, and having no data from which they can ascertain in what proportion the funds on hand were raised by the Churches composing the two Presbyteries, recommend that that the funds be equally divided, and that the Treasurer of this Presbytery pay over the same accordingly. All which is respectfully submmitted.

John Norwood
for Orange Pres:
Wm McPheeters
for Roanoke Pres.

Messrs Harding and Montgomery were appointed to make addresses at the next meeting of Presbytery, in behalf of Foreign and Domestic Missions; and Messrs Doak and Burwell, in favour of the plan of circulating the bound volumns of the A. T. Society.

On motion, Resolved, that the thanks of Presbytery be presented to the Trustees of the Baptist Church for the use of their building; and to the citizens of Danville for their kind attentions so kindly extended to us during our sessions.

The stated Clerk read a report which he had prepared for the General Assembly, which was accepted.

Adjourned to meet at Greensboro the 1st of October 1836. Concluded with prayer and the benediction

N. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

Note. In October 1835 the presbytery of Orange was again elevated by the Synod of N.C. & all the country lying east of the western boundary lines of the counties of Granville. Wake & part of Cumberland was erected into a new presbytery & called Roanoke.

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Minutes of the 133 Session of the Presbytery of Orange held at Greensbor N.C. 1836.

Greensboro Oct b. 1836.

Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment. & was opened with a sermon, by Rev. N.H. Harding (at the request of the moderator) from Zech. 4 b.

Constituted with prayer.

	Ministers	Present	Elders
1.	Rev. Wm. Paisley.		Robt. Dorrell.
2.	" E.B. Currie.		Samuel Edmonson.
3.	" J.H. Pickard.		Joseph Barlow.
4.	" E.W. Caruthers.		Silas C. Lindsley.
5.	" A.D. Montgomery.		John L Lesueur.
6.	" Thos. Lynch.		Robt. Barr.
7.	" N.H. Harding.		
8.	" Alex. Wilson.		
9.	" Robt. Burwell.		
10.	" George Ferrell.		
11.	" Wm. C. McElroy.		
12.	" James B. Heath.		
13.	" Daniel G. Doak.		

Absent ministers Elijah Graves. Elisha Mitchell. H.P. Goodrich. J. Bird. Philip Pierson. James Phillips. b

The Rev. Wm. C. McElroy was chosen moderator, & Rev. Robt Burwell, & J.L. Lesueur temporary Clerks— The min. of the last stated, & intermediate meetings were read.

Committees. On Benevolent Institutions. Rev. N.H. Harding & E.W. Carruthers. On the Min. of the Gen. Assembly. Rev. A. Wilson & J.L. Lesueur Elder. Of Supplies. Rev. A.D. Montgomery & Saml. Edmonson Elder.

The Rev. George Ferrell requested the Presbytery to dissolve his pastoral relation to the church of New Hope, & the Presbytery being satisfied tht the Cocil church concurred in the request it was granted, & the ch. of New Hope was declared vacant. The Rev. James Phillips was directed to make this decision known to the church.

Standing Committee on Education. The Rev. Wm. Beasley. Eli W. Carruthers & George Ferrell ministers,

with Joseph A. McElwain, Wm. H. Cummings & Wm. Beasley Elders, were appointed on this Committee.

Rev. N.H. Harding. A.D. Montgomery & Wm C. McElroy. ministers. with Thos. Atkinson. Warner M. Leeds & M.P. Huntington Elders were appointed a Standing Committee on Missions.

The Rev. Wm. C. McElroy, tendered his resignation as treasurer of Presbytery, which was accepted, & the Rev Eli W. Carruthers was appointed in his place.

The Rev. Philip Pierson, was, at his own request dismissed, to join the Presbytery of Harmony. to which he was affectionately commended, as a minister in good & regular standing.

Mr. John C. Rankin, a member of the Leatsville Ch. was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. He was examined on experimental religion

8. & his motives for seeking the sacred office of a bishop, his examination being sustained, he was taken under the care of Presbytery

The following resolution was made the order of the day for tomorrow at 3 P.M. viz. That all the young men receiving money from our treasury, put themselves under the care of Presbytery.

The Treasurer was directed to collect fifty cents from each member of Presbytery, for the contingent fund of the Gen. Assembly

Rev. James D. Hall, obtained leave of absence from the remaining part of the present sessions.

The Rev. Thompson Bird appeared, & took his seat in Presbytery.

The treasurer's Report was received, & referred to the auditing Committee

9. Abraham Walker an Elder from the High Rock church appeared, & took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

The Commissioners to the last General Assembly made a verbal report which was approved.

The Rev. E W. Caruthers, Messr. Wilson N. H. Harding with J. L. Lesueur & J. C. Lindsley, Elders were appointed a special committee on the subject of Educating young men for the ministry.

Adjourned till tomorrow 9. A. M. closed with prayer.

Friday Oct. 7. 1836. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer present as above.

Mr. A. E. Thom a licentiate of this Presbytery was at his own request, dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Hanover. A part of the forenoon of this day was spent in devotion by the Presbytery.

The auditing Com. reported tht they had examined the accounts of the late treasr & find the same correctly kept & accompanied by the proper vouchers. Their report was accepted & adopted.

Resolved. Tht it be recommended to all our churches to use the book of Psalms & Hymns, published by the Gen. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Wm. A Shaw, of the Presbytery of Roanoke being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The following question was adopted for conference at the next stated meeting of Presbytery. Viz.
Wht course of conduct among ministers, is best calculated to secure the peace, purity & harmony of the ch.

The brethren. Wilson. Bird. Harding & S.C Linsey were appointed a special committee, to Examine Candidates. on their literary & scientific course.

Rev. E. Graves appeared & took his seat.

The Rev. A Wilson from the committee on the minutes of the Gen. Assembly reported. the report was accepted. Whereupon the following resolution was offered by the Rev. J Bird & after some discussion was decided in the affirmative. Viz. It is the opinion of this Presbytery tht the term of theological study preparatory to licensure, ought to be extended from two to three years.

Resolved, tht Each & Every church connected our care be requested to pay annually, one dollar to the treasr of presbytery, for the contingent fund of the Gen. Assembly.

Resolved. tht the churches composing this Presbytery be, & hereby are affectionately requested to observe the first monday in Jan. 1837. as a day of humiliation, fasting & prayer, for the conversion of the world. tht pure religion may be revived & the earth filled with the glory of God.

The ministers of this Presbytery are hereby requested to preach at least once on the forenoon of the Sabbath to their several congregations, before the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. E. W. Caruthers from the committee on the beneficiary system reported. The report recommending the that the whole subject be laid over till the next stated meeting of presbytery was accepted & adopted.

The Rev. A. D. Montgomery from the committee of Sabbaths, made the following rehort which was adopted Viz. That Each member of presbytery spend as much time, as they may have to spare from the pressing duties of home Engagements in destitute portions of our bounds.

A collection was taken up for the support of Mr. Chace's amounting to $. 16.71.

Mr. Nathaniel B. Patterson, presbytery having requested ordination as an Evangelist & presbytery having granted his request. he was directed to prepare a trial sermon from Prov. 8. 17. The Rev. Thos. Lynch was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, & the Rev. J. H. Pickard to preside & give the charge. It was further resolved that presbytery meet for this purpose at Sandy Ridge, in Stokes Co. on friday before the first Sabbath in November next at 12 meridian. J. Boyd was appointed alternate to Mr. Lynch. & E. W. Caruthers to Mr. Pickard.

Mr. J. Nash jr. an Elder from Hillsboro appeared & took his seat.

Resolved that the next stated meeting of this presbytery be held in the town of Hillsboro' on wednesday before 4th Sabbath in april 1837 at 7. P. M.

The order of the day for 3 oclock was taken up (see page 8.) & after some conversation postponed till the next stated meeting of presbytery.

The following preamble & resolution offered by Dr. Montgomery was unanimously adopted

Whereas ruling Elders constitute an important part of our presbyteries & Synods, & the prosperity of the church depends very much on their presence & aid.

Therefore, Resolved, that the sessions of the several churches, be requested, to take such order on the subject, as shall hereafter secure the attendance of Elders to the different judicatories of the church.

The following preamble & resolution also introduced by Br. Montgomery, was adopted. Viz Whereas it is highly important that the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church should be clearly understood by our churches & perseveringly taught by our ministers, & our plans for promoting the Redeemers kingdom be known & carried fully into effect, therefore Resolved that a sermon be preached at each stated meeting by some brother previously appointed, & that the subject be assigned him by the Presbytery.

Messrs Currie, Caruthers & Doak had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery. Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 A.M. Closed with prayer.

Saturday 8th Presbytery met. opened with prayer.

Robt. Foster an Elder from the Lexington church appeared & took his seat. Rev. A. Wilson from the Examining committee reported that they had examined Mr. John C Rankin on the Latin & Greek languages — mathematics. Geography. Rhetoric & Philosophy:

& Mr. F. Nash jun. on Geography. Rhetoric & Philosophy, & recommend that their examination be sustained as parts of trial. This report was received & adopted.

The Rev. N. C Mc Elroy obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this meeting.

The Rev. A. D. Montgomery was appointed moderator for the remaining part of the meeting in place of Mr. Mc Elroy.

The Standing Committee of Education reported that they have had under their care since the last stated meeting of Presbytery, 8 young men all of whom have received more or less aid from the funds.

The Committee on Missions made a verbal report which was accepted.

The following subjects were assigned Mr. Lemuel Murry, a candidate under the care of this Presbytery, as parts of trial. Viz For a critical exercise. The meaning of the phrase "Son of Man" as applied to Christ. For a popular Sermon. Rom. 10. 4. For a Lecture. the first Psalm.

Wilson

The Rev. Professor made a detailed, verbal report on the of the state of the Caldwell Institute, the school of this Presbytery. which was highly gratifying, & unanimously accepted.

Resolved that all the missionaries under the direction of the committee of missions be required to report to the same, before the first of April in each year. Rev. Wm. Paisley & James Mebane Elder were elected trustees of the Caldwell Institute.

Resolved that the addresses on the subject of Missions be defer'd till the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. Eli W. Caruthers was appointed to preach the next annual Sermon before Presbytery at its next meeting. Subject assigned. "The Sovereignty of God in the salvation of men" i.e. Doctrine of Election.

A resolution thanking the citizens of Greensboro for their hospitality to the Presbytery during its present sessions. was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned to meet at Sandy Ridge on friday, before the first Sabbath in November next.

Closed with prayer.

Nehemiah Henry Harding Stated Clerk.

Annual Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the Synod of No. Carolina dated Oct 6 1836

Ministers			Churches	On Exam	On certif	Total Communs	Total Baptisms	Miss'y Funds	Commis Theo Sem	Education	cont Assem
1.	Wm Paisley	SS.	1. Bethel.	9		78	10	$ 25 00	5 00	$	
	Do.	..	2. Greensboro.	4		49	8	62 ..	10 00		
2.	E. B. Currie	P.	3. Hawfields.	3.		186		24 ..	4 00	48 00	
	Dito	..	4 Cross Roads	2.		131.	3.	20 ..			
3.	John H Pickard	SS.	5 Bethesda.								
	.. ..	..	6 Stoney Creek.								
4	Elijah Graves.	SS.	7 Bethlehem.								
5	Elisha Mitchell	Prof	8 Chapel Hill								
6.	Eli. W Caruthers	P	9 Buffalo								
	.. .. ..	..	10 Allemance					22 50.	8. 00		
7	A D. Montgomery	SS	11 Red House	8.		70		30 00	10. 00		
	.. ..	..	12 Harmony	2.		40		25 00			
	.. ..	..	13 Carmel.			15			5 00	75 00	
8.	Thos Lynch.	P.	14 Fairfield	6		36			2 00		
	.. ..	..	15 Greers.	18			9	23 92	3 00		
9	H. P. Goodrich	Prof	16 High Rock.			7	7.				
10.	W A. Harding.	SS.	17 Milton		1.	46.		250. 00	12 00	225.00	200 00
	.. ..	..	18 Bethany.								
11	Alex. Wilson	Prof									
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Report Continued

	Ministers			Churches	On Ex	On Cert	Total Com	Total Bap	Miss Funds	Commissn	The Sem	Education	cont Assmbly
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12	Robt Burwell	P	19	Hillsboro	1		49	b	21 00	10 00			
13	George Ferrell	SS	20	Spradwells	21	1	121		21 75				
	" "	"	21	Cane Grove									
14	Wm C Mc Elroy	P	22	Danville	12	4	58	10					
15	James D Hall												
16	Thomas Bird	SS	23	Leesville			40						
17	James Phillips	Prof	24	Bear Hope	6		95			1 40		5 25	
18	Daniel Y Cook	SS	25	Ino	15		86		21 00	3 00			
	" "	"	26	Little River	49	1	110		29 00	3 00			
			27	Lexington V			60						
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1	N B Patterson												
2	I T Ely												
	Candidates												
1	N Mebane	at	Princeton Seminary										
2	F Nash		Union Do										
3	A G Hughs		Do										
4	Lemb Murry		Do										
5	I Paisley		Princeton										

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b. I C Rankin Princeton

Historical Remarks. Oct 9 1835 the Pres. dismissed the Rev. Samuel J Price to the Pres. of West Hanover. & the Rev. Michael Osborn to the Pres of New York. At the same time the Rev Daniel A Penick to the Presbytery of Concord 1 or 15 of the same month the Rev. A L Watts to the Pres of Concord. Oct 6 1836 the Rev. Phillip Pierson to the Pres of Harmony. At the same time Mr A E Thorn a licentiate to the care of the West Hanover Presbytery. April 21 Rev. Samuel Paisley to the Pres of Concord.

Nov 21 1835 Pres received the Rev. Daniel G. Doak by ordination. April 21 Rev. N H Harding & J A Wilson from the Pres of Roanoke; & the Rev. Robt Burwell from the Pres of East Hanover.

Recapitulation

Ministers. 18.
Churches. 27.
Licentiates. 2.
Candidates. 6.

All of which is respectfully submitted to the Synod.

N. H. Harding Stated Clerk.

Sandy Ridge. Stokes Co. N.C. Nov 4. 1836.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present Rev John N. Pickard. Thos Lynch. & Thompson Bird. The moderator being absent, Presbytery was opened with a sermon by Rev J. N. Pickard, from Isaiah 62 v.1. Constituted with prayer. Rev. J. N. Pickard was chosen moderator & Rev. T Bird Temporary Clerk. Mr. A. B. Patterson was then examined on Church government & the Sacraments which examinations were sustained as parts of trial.

It was then resolved that his ordination take place tomorrow at 11. A. M. That the Rev. Thos. Lynch preach the sermon. & Rev. J. N. Pickard preside & give the charge Resolved 2. that Mr. Patterson preach his trial sermon before the sermon by Mr Lynch.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 10. A. M.
Closed with prayer.

Nov 5. 1836.

Presbytery met, present as above. Mr A. B. Patterson preached his trial sermon from Prov. 8. 17 which was sustained. A sermon was then delivered by Rev Thos Lynch. after which the constitutional questions were put to Mr. Patterson to which he gave an affirmative answer. Whereupon the Presbytery elected there ordination him, by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, to the whole work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist. He was then charged by the Rev. J. N. Pickard. After which the newly ordained Evangelist was invited to take his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Hillsboro. on wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in April at 7 P. M.

N. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

Minutes of the 134th Session
of the
Presbytery of Orange.

Hillsboro' April 19. 1837.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with a Sermon by the moderator, Rev. William C. McElroy, from Ps. 46 5. "God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved."
Constituted with prayer. Present.
Bishops. Rev. Wm. Paisley. C.B. Currie. John H. Pickard.
Eli W. Caruthers. A.D. Montgomery. Thos. Lynch.
A. H. Harding. Alex. Wilson. Robert Burwell. George W. Ferrell. Wm. C. McElroy. J. Bird. James Phillips.
Daniel G. Doak.
Presbyters. John Scott. Joseph. Smith. Wm Prentiss. John. Jones. John Freeland. John W. Norwood. Warner M. Lewis, Abram Walker John Wilkinson.
Absent. Rev. Elijah Graves. Elisha Mitchell. Hiram S. Goodrich. Jas. D. Hall & A. B. Patterson.

The Rev. James. Phillips was choosen moderator & J. Bird & A. Wilson temporary Clerks. Adjourned till tomorrow half past Eight A.M. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning. April 20th

Presbytery met according to adjournment, present as above opened with prayer. Rev. A. H. Harding assigned reasons for the absence of Rev. N. B. Goodrich from the present sessions of presbytery. The Rev. John A. Gretter presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of East Hanover, & was received as a member of this Presbytery.

The church & Congregation of Sandy Ridge, was on their own request received, & taken under the care of Presbytery. The name of the Leaksville church was, at the request of the pastor, changed to that of Spring Garden

The minutes of the last Stated, & the intermediate meeting of Presbytery were read. The following Committees were appointed Viz. On the Session Books of Hawfields. Red House, Eno & Little River. Messrs. Paisley Pickard, Carruthers & Scott. On the Books of Buffalo Allemance, Bethany & Spreadwell. Montgomery, Lynch Burwell & Smith.

On the Books of Gum Grove, Bethesda, Stony Creek. Bethlehem. Cross Roads & New Hope. Farrell. Boat Mt. Ebroy & Rankin. On the books of Bethel. Chapel Hill Hillsboro. Greensboro. Harmony. Milton & Danville. Gretter. Jones. Freeland, Norwood.

On the books of Lexington, Carmel, Green. Spring Garden High Rock & Fairfield. Wilson, Lewis & Walker.

On Supplies. Burwell & Carruthers.

On Examinations. Harding. Gretter & Lindsley.

A letter from the Rev. Francis McFarland. Com. Sec. of the Assembly's Board of Education, was received, read & referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

A letter was read from Colin Mc. Iver Stated Clerk of Lynch, which was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Carruthers, Montgomery & Wilkinson.

The brethren reported on the order of last Presbytery, relative to the observance of the Sabbath.

Mr. H. Woods, a ruling Elder from the Little River church appeared & took his seat in Presbytery.

30th. The following resolutions were adopted as standing rules of this Presbytery. viz 1. That in choosing a Moderator the persons to be voted for, shall first be nominated, & that any member be allowed to nominate whom he will. after the nominations are all made the roll is to be called by the Stated Clerk, & no person is to be voted for unless he has been previously nominated.

2. That the Commissioners to the General Assembly be nominated, at least one day before the Election.

3 That all candidates receiving aid from the Education Committee put themselves under the care of Presbytery.

4 All the Candidates under the care of this Presbytery are required to be present for Examination, before Presbytery at least once a year.

A petition from the session of the church of Erie, requesting aid in a case of discipline, was presented & referred to a select committee Consisting of Messrs. Mc Elroy. Gretten. Lewis & Walker.

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The New Hope Session book was approved to page 78. The following persons were nominated as commissioners to the Gen. Assembly. viz. Hardaway Goodrich Carruthers & Burwell. ministers & Lewis Nash Mebane & Atkinson Elders. Adjourned till tomorrow 8 A.M. Concluded with prayer.

Friday 8 A.M.

Presbytery met present as above. opened with prayer.

Rev. W. C. McElroy from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the Session of the Eno Church reported in favour of granting the request of the petitioners. Whereupon the following resolutions were adopted. viz. Resolved. 1. That the Rev. Robt. Burwell of Hillsboro William Gaddis & James Mebane from the Cross-Roads Session. J. S. Woods & Joseph Barlow from Little River, which, with the Church of Eno be hereby are constituted a Session. to decide on all such matters as shall be brought before them by the Church & Session of Eno. 2. That they hold their first meeting at Eno, on wednesday before the 4 Sabbath in may & afterward on their own adjournment.

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The Committee on the case of John Chavis reported in favour of continueing the present plan for his support, which report was adopted. & Messrs Barrett & Morrison were appointed a Committee of conference with the Roanoke Presbytery on this subject.

Resolved that the free conversation on the state of religion take place this afternoon at 3 oclock.

Leave of absence was granted Mr Hugh Woods from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The Rev James D Hall, was, at his own request, dismissed to join the Presbytery of Concord.

The Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 2 oclock, & that the Election be preceeded by prayer.

The resolution on page 162. (printed minutes) was reconsidered. The Treasurer of Presbytery presented his report which was accepted & referred to the auditing Committee.

Presbytery took up the order of the day & after prayer & free Conversation proceeded to Elect Commissioners to the Gen. Assembly. Of the ministers nominated N H Harding was chosen principle & E. W Caruthers alternate. Of the Elders Warner M Lewis was chosen principle & Dr Thos Atkinson alternate.

The act of the Legislature of N.C. granting a Charter to the Caldwell Institute was read before Presbytery, & the trustees of the said Institute were, thereby are advised to accept the charter granted by the said act of incorporation. Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, the free conversation on the state of religion. the brethren Montgomery & Caruthers having been appointed to take notes of the same.

Resolved that the Commissioners be directed to attend the Convention to be held in Philadelphia previous to the meeting of the General Assembly

The roll being called inquiry was made whether the reciprocal duties of ministers & Elders have been performed, according to standing rule page 96 printed minutes.

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Minutes of the 133 Session of the Presbytery of Orange held at Greensboro N.C. 1836.

Greensboro Oct 6. 1836.

Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by Rev. N.H. Harding (at the request of the moderator) from Zech. 4. 6.

Constituted with prayer.

Ministers Present		Elders
1.	Rev. Wm. Paisley.	Robt. Dorrell.
2.	" E.B. Currie.	Samuel Edmonson.
3.	" I.H. Pickard.	Joseph. Barlow.
4.	" E.W. Caruthers.	Silas C. Lindsley.
5.	" A.D. Montgomery.	John L Lesueur.
6.	" Thos. Lynch.	Robt. Barr.
7.	" N.H. Harding.	
8.	" Alex. Wilson.	
9.	" Robt. Burwell.	
10.	" George Ferrell.	
11.	" Wm. C. Mc Elroy.	
12.	" James B. Heath.	
13.	" Daniel G. Doak. 13	

Absent ministers Elijah Graves. Elisha Mitchell. H.P. Goodrich. J. Bird. Philip Pierson. James Phillips. &

The Rev. Wm. C. McElroy was chosen moderator, & Rev. Robt Burwell, & J.L. Lesueur temporary Clerks — The min. of the last stated, & intermediate meetings were read.

Committees On benevolent Institutions. Rev. N.H. Harding & E.W. Caruthers. On the Min. of the Gen. Assembly. Rev. A. Wilson & J.L. Lesueur Elder. Of Sickpsies. Rev. A.D. Montgomery & Saml. Edmonson Elder.

The Rev. George Ferrell requested the presbytery to dissolve his pastoral relation to the church of New Hope, & the Presbytery being satisfied tht the said church concurred in the request it was granted, & the ch. of New Hope was declared vacant. The Rev. James Phillips was directed to make this decision known to the church.

Standing Committee on Education. The Rev. Wm Paisley. Eli W. Caruthers & George Ferrell ministers,

with Joseph A. McClain, Wm. H. Cummings & Wm. Finnesley Elders, were appointed on this Committee.

Rev. N.H. Harding. A.D. Montgomery & Wm C. McElroy. ministers. with Thos. Atkinson. Warner M. Lewis & M.P. Huntington Elders were appointed a Standing Committee on Missions.

The Rev. Wm. C. McElroy tendered his resignation as treasurer of Presbytery, which was accepted, & the Rev Eli W. Caruthers was appointed in his place.

The Rev. Philip Pierson was at his own request dismissed to join the Presbytery of Harmony. to which he was affectionately commended, as a minister in good & regular standing.

Mr. John C. Rankin, a member of the Leatsville ch. was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. He was examined on Experimental relig

8. & his motives for seeking the sacred office of a bishop. his examination being sustained, he was taken under the care of Presbytery

The following resolution was made the order of the day for tomorrow at 3 P.M. viz. That all the young men receiving money from our treasury, put themselves under the care of Presbytery.

The Treasurer was directed to collect fifty cents from each member of Presbytery, for the contingent fund of the Gen. Assembly

Rev. James D. Hall, obtained leave of absence from the remaining part of the present sessions.

The Rev. Thompson Bird appeared, & took his seat in Presbytery.

The treasurer's Report was received, & referred to the auditing Committee.

9.

Abraham Walker an Elder from the High Rock church appeared, & took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

The Commissioners to the last General Assembly made a verbal report which was approved.

The Rev. E. W. Caruthers. Alex. Wilson. A. N. Harding with J. L. Lescure & J. C. Lindsley. Elders. were appointed a Special Committee on the subject of Educating young men for the ministry.

Adjourned till tomorrow 9. A.M. closed with prayer.

Friday Oct. 7. 1836. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer present as above.

Mr. A. E. Thorn a licentiate of this Presbytery was at his own request, dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of West-Hanover. A part of the forenoon of this day was spent in devotion by the Presbytery.

The auditing Com. reported tht they had examined the accounts of the late treasr & find the same correctly kept & accompanied by the proper vouchers. Their report was accepted & adopted.

Resolved. Tht it be recommended to all our churches to use the book of Psalms & Hymns, published by the Gen. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Wm. A Shaw, of the Presbytery of Roanoke being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The following question was adopted for conference at the next stated meeting of Presbytery. Viz.
Wht course of conduct among ministers, is best calculated to secure the peace, purity & harmony of the ch.

The brethren. Wilson. Bird. Harding & S.C Lindsey were appointed a special committee, to Examine Candidates, on their Literary & Scientific course.

Rev. E. Graves appeared & took his seat.

The Rev. A Wilson from the committee on the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly reported. the report was accepted. Whereupon the following resolution was offered by the Rev. I Bird & after some discussion was decided in the affirmative. Viz. It is the opinion of this Presbytery tht the term of theological study preparatory to licensure, ought to be extended from two to three years.

Resolved, tht each & every church under our care be requested to pay annually, one dollar to the treasr of Presbytery, for the contingent fund of the Gen. Assembly.

Resolved. tht the churches composing this Presbytery be, & hereby are affectionately requested to observe the first monday in Jan. 1837. as a day of humiliation, fasting & prayer, for the conversion of the world. tht pure religion may be revived & the earth filled with the glory of God.

The ministers of this Presbytery are hereby requested to preach at least once on the observance of the Sabbath to their several congregations, before the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. E. W. Caruthers from the committee on the beneficiary system reported. The report recommending the that the whole subject be laid over till the next stated meeting of presbytery was accepted & adopted.

The Rev. A. D. Montgomery from the committee of Sutphen, made the following report which was adopted Viz. That Each member of presbytery spend as much time as they may have to spare from the pressing duties of home Engagements in destitute portions of our bounds.

A collection was taken up for the support of Mr. Chace's amounting to $. 16 71.

Mr. Nathaniel B. Patterson, having requested ordination as an Evangelist & presbytery having granted his request he was directed to prepare a trial sermon from Prov. 8. 17. The Rev. Thos. Lynch was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, & the Rev. J. H. Pickard to preside & give the charge. It was further resolved that presbytery meet for this purpose at Sandy Ridge, in Stokes Co. on friday before the first Sabbath in November next at 12 meridian. J. Bird was appointed alternate to Mr. Lynch. & E. W. Caruthers to Mr. Pickard.

Mr. J. Nash Jr. an Elder from Hillsboro appeared & took his seat.

Resolved that the next stated meeting of this presbytery be held in the town of Hillsboro on wednesday before 4th Sabbath in april 1837 at 7. P. M.

The order of the day for 3 oclock was taken up (see page 8.) & after some conversation postponed till the next stated meeting of presbytery.

The following preamble & resolution offered by Br Montgomery was unanimously adopted

Whereas ruling Elders constitute an important part of our Presbyteries & Synods, & the prosperity of the church depends very much on their presence & aid

Therefore, Resolved, that the sessions of the several churches, be requested, to take such order on the subject, as shall hereafter secure the attendance of Elders to the different judicatories of the church.

The following preamble & resolution also introduced by br. Montgomery was adopted. Viz Whereas it is highly important that the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church should be clearly understood by our churches & perseveringly taught by our ministers. & our plans for promoting the Redeemers kingdom be known & carried fully into effect: therefore Resolved that a sermon be preached at each stated meeting by some brother previously appointed, & that the subject be assigned him by the Presbytery.

Messrs Currie, Carruthers & Doak had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery. Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 A.M. Closed with prayer.

Saturday 8th Presbytery met. Opened with prayer.

Robt. Foster an Elder from the Lexington church appeared & took his seat. Rev. A. Wilson from the Examining committee reported that they had examined Mr. John C Rankin on the Latin & Greek languages — mathematics. Geography. Rhetoric & Philosophy.

& Mr J Nash from. on Geography. Rhetoric & Philosophy, & recommend that their examination be sustained as parts of trial. This report was received & adopted.

The Rev. N. C Mc Elroy obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this meeting.

The Rev. A. D Montgomery was appointed moderator for the remaining part of the meeting in place of Mr. Mc Elroy.

The Standing Committee of Education reported, that they have had under their care since the last stated meeting of Presbytery, 8 young men all of whom have received more or less aid from the funds.

The Committee on Missions made a verbal report which was accepted.

The following subjects were assigned Mr. Samuel Murry, a candidate under the care of this Presbytery, as parts of trial. Viz For a critical exercise. The meaning of the phrase "Son of Man" as applied to Christ. For a popular sermon. Rom. 10. 4. For a Lecture. the first Psalm.

Wilson

The Rev. Professor made a detailed, verbal report on the of the state of the Caldwell Institute, the school of this Presbytery. which was highly gratifying, & unanimously accepted.

Resolved that all the missionaries under the direction of the committee of missions, be required to report to the same, before the first of April in each year.

Rev. Wm. Paisley & James McBane Elder were Elected trustees of the Caldwell Institute.

Resolved, that the addresses on the subject of Missions be defer'd till the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. Eli W. Caruthers was appointed to preach the Sonic annual Sermon before Presbytery at its next meeting Subject assigned. "The Sovereignty of God in the Salvation of men" i.e. Doctrine of Election.

A resolution thanking the citizens of Greensboro for their hospitality to the Presbytery during its present sessions. was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned to meet at Sandy Ridge on friday, before the first Sabbath in November next.

Closed with prayer.

Nehemiah Henry Harding Stated Clerk.

Annual Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the Synod of No. Carolina dated Oct. 6 1836

	Ministers			Churches	On roam	On certif	Total Communicants
1.	Wm Paisley	SS.	1.	Bethel	4		78
	Do.	..	2.	Greensboro	4		49
2.	E. B. Currie	P.	3.	Haw fields	3.		186
	Dito	..	4	Cross Roads	2.		131.
3.	John N. Pickard	SS.	5	Bethesda.			
	.. ..	..	6	Stoney Creek.			
4	Elijah Graves	S.S.	7	Bethlehem.			
5	Elisha Mitchell	Prof	8	Chapel Hill			
6.	Eli. W. Caruthers	P	9	Buffalo			
	.. .. ..	..	10	Allemance			
7	A. D. Montgomery	S.S	11	Red House	8.		70
	.. ..	..	12	Harmony	2.		40
	.. ..	..	13	Carmel.			15
8.	Thos Lynch	P	14	Fairfield	6.		36
	.. ..	..	15	Greers.	18		
9	H. P. Goodrich	Prof	16	High Rock.			7
10.	W. A. Harding	S.S.	17	Milton		1	46.
	.. ..	..	18	Bethany.			
11.	Alex. Wilson	Prof					
1.					52	1	756

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	24 ..	4 00		
3.	20 ..			
	22 50	8. 00		
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Report Continued

	Ministers			Churches	On Ex	On cert	Total Com
1					52	1	158
12	Robt Burwell	P	19	Hillsboro	1		49
13	George Ferrell	SS	20	Spreadwells	21	1	121
	" "	"	21	Cane Grove			
14	Wm C Mc Elroy	P	22	Danville	12	4	58
15	James D. Hall						
16	Thomas Bird	SS	23	Leesville			40
17	James Phillips	Prof	24	New Hope	6		95
18	Daniel Boak	SS	25	Eno	15		86
	" "	"	26	Little River	49	1	110
			27	Lexington V			60
	Licentiates				156	7	1377
1	N B Patterson						
2	J J Ely						
	Candidates						
1	N Mebane	at	Princeton Seminary				
2	J Nash		Union Do				
3	J G Hughes		Do				
4	Lem Murry		Do				
5	J Paisley		Princeton				

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B. J. C Rankin Princeton

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	21 00	3 00			
	29 00	3 00			
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Historical Remarks: Oct 9 1835 the Pres. dismissed the Rev. Samuel J. Price to the Pres of West Hanover. & the Rev. Michael Osborn to the Pres of New York. At the same time the Rev. Daniel A. Penick to the Presbytery of Concord 1 or 16 of the same month the Rev. A. L. Watts to the Pres of ~~Virginia~~ Concord. Oct 6 1836 the Rev. Phillip Pierson to the Pres. of Harmony. At the same time Mr A. E. Thom a licentiate to the care of the West Hanover Presbytery. April 21 Rev. Samuel Baisley to the Pres of Concord.

Nov 21. 1835 Pres received the Rev. Daniel G. Doak by ordination. April 21 Rev. N. H. Harding & J. A. Wilson from the Pres of Roanoke; & the Rev. Robt Burwell from the Pres of East Hanover.

Recapitulation

Ministers. 18.
Churches. 27.
Licentiates. 2.
Candidates. 6.

All of which is respectfully submitted to the Synod.

N. H. Harding Stated Clerk.

Sandy Ridge. Stokes Co. N.C. Nov. 4. 1836.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present Rev John N. Pickard. Thos Lynch. & Thompson Bird. The moderator being absent, Presbytery was opened with a sermon by Rev J. N. Pickard, from Isaiah 62 v.1. Constituted with prayer. Rev. J. N. Pickard was chosen moderator & Rev. T. Bird Temporary Clerk. Mr. A. B. Patterson was then examined on Church government & the Sacraments. which examinations were sustained as parts of trial.

It was then resolved that his ordination take place tomorrow at 11. A. M. That the Rev. Thos. Lynch preach the sermon. & Rev. J. N. Pickard preside & give the charge. Resolved 2. that Mr. Patterson preach his trial sermon before the sermon by Mr Lynch.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 10. A. M.

Closed with prayer.

Nov. 5. 1836.

Presbytery met, present as above. Mr A. B. Patterson preached his trial sermon from Prov. 8. 17 which was sustained. A sermon was then delivered

by Rev. Thos Lynch. after which the constitutional questions were put to Mr Patterson to which he gave an affirmative answer. Whereupon the Presbytery elected them ordination him, by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, to the whole work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist. He was then charged by the Rev. J. N. Pickard. After which the newly ordained Evangelist was invited to take his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Hillsboro. on. wednesday. before the 4th Sabbath in April at 7 P. M.

N. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

Minutes of the 134th Session
of the
Presbytery of Orange.

Hillsboro April 19. 1837.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with a Sermon by the moderator, Rev. William C. McElroy, from Ps. 46 5. "God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved."

Constituted with prayer. Present.

Bishops. Rev. Wm. Paisley. E.B. Currie. John H. Pickard. Eli W. Caruthers. A.D. Montgomery. Thos. Lynch. A. H. Harding. Alex. Wilson. Robert Burwell. George W. Ferrell. Wm. C. McElroy. T. Bird. James. Phillips. Daniel G. Doak.

Presbyters. John Scott. Joseph. Smith. Wm Rankin. John. Jones. John Freeland. John W. Norwood. Warner. M. Lewis, Abram Walker John Wilkinson.

Absent. Rev. Elijah Graves. Elisha Mitchell. Hiram S. Goodrich. Jas. D. Hall & A. B. Patterson.

The Rev. James Phillips was chosen moderator & J. Bird & A. Wilson temporary Clerks. Adjourned till tomorrow half past Eight A.M. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning April 20th

Presbytery met according to adjournment present as above opened with prayer. Rev. A.H. Harding assigned reasons for the absence of Rev. N. & Goodrich from the present sessions of presbytery. The Rev. John A. Gretter presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of East Hanover, & was received as a member of this Presbytery.

The church & Congregation of Sandy Ridge, was on their own request received, & taken under the care of Presbytery. The name of the Leaksville church was, at the request of the pastor, changed to that of Spring Garden

The minutes of the last Stated, & the intermediate meeting of Presbytery were read. The following Committees were appointed viz On the Session Books of Hawfields. Red House, Ens & Little River. Messrs Paisley Pickard, Carruthers & Scott. On the Books of Buffalo Allemance, Bethany & Speedwell. Montgomery Lynch Burwell & Smith.

On the Books of Gum Grove, Bethesda, Stony Creek. Bethlehem, Cross Roads & New Hope. Ferree. Dead Mi Elroy & Rankin. On the books of Bethel. Chapel Hill Hillsboro. Greensboro Harmony. Milton & Danville.

Gretter Jones Freeland, Norwood.

On the books of Lexington, Carmel, Green. Spring Garden High Rock & Fairfield. Wilson, Lewis & Walker.

On Supplies. Burwell & Carruthers.

On Examinations. Harding. Gretter & Lindsley.

A letter from the Rev. Francis McFarland. Com Sec. of the Assembly's Board of Education, was received, read & referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

A letter was read from Colin McIver Stated Clerk of Synod, which was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs Carruthers Montgomery & Wilkinson.

The brethren reported on the order of last Presbytery, relative to the observance of the Sabbath.

Mr. H Woods a ruling Elder from the Little River Church appeared & took his seat in Presbytery.

30. The following resolutions were adopted as standing rules of this Presbytery. viz. 1. That in choosing a Moderator the persons to be voted for, shall first be nominated, & that any member be allowed to nominate whom he will. After the nominations are all made the roll is to be called by the stated Clerk, & no person is to be voted for unless he has been previously nominated.

2. That the Commissioners to the General Assembly be nominated, at least one day before the Election.

3. That all candidates receiving aid from the Education Committee put themselves under the care of Presbytery.

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The resolution on page 162 (printed minutes) was reconsidered. The Treasurer of Presbytery presented his report which was accepted & referred to the auditing Committee.

Presbytery [illegible] the order of the day & after prayer & free Conversation proceeded to Elect Commissioners to the Gen. Assembly. Of the ministers nominated N. N. Hewling was chosen principle & E. W. Carruthers alternate. Of the Elders Warner M. Lewis was Chosen principle & Dr. Thos Atkinson alternate.

The act of the Legislature of N.C. granting a Charter to the Caldwell Institute was read before Presbytery, & the trustees of the said Institute were, thereby are advised to accept the charter granted by the said act of incorporation. Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, the free conversation on the state of religion. the brethren Montgomery & Carruthers having been appointed to take note of the same.

Resolved that the Commissioners be directed to attend the Convention to be held in Philadelphia previous to the meeting of the General Assembly.

The roll being called inquiry was made whether the reciprocal duties of ministers & Elders had been performed, according to standing rule page 96 printed minutes.

The Rev. E. W. Caruthers from the Committee on the letter from the State Clerk of Synod, reported in favour of paying the said State Clerk the Rev. Colin McIver twenty Eight dollars thirty three & one third cents according to an order of the Synod of N.C. passed at its last Session.

This report was received & laid on the table.

The Committee on the case of John Chavis reported, that the sum of $20. had been collected for him.

Adjourned till tomorrow 8 A.M. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning 8 o'clock Presbytery met according to adjournment, present as above. Opened with prayer. Mr. Scott ruling Elder from the Cross Roads Church had leave of absence. The committee of Supplies reported the following resolutions which were adopted viz.

1. That Messrs. Phillips & Burwell supply Eno & New Hope. That Harding, Lynch, Caruthers & Paisley, preach one sabbath Each on Dan River & Montgomery one sabbath at Little River, before the next Stated meeting of Presbytery.

The auditing Committee reported that they had examined the accounts of the treasr. Rev. E. W. Caruthers & found the same correctly kept & accompanied with the proper vouchers. This report was adopted.

Mr. W. M. Lewis had leave of absence.

The Presbytery held a Conference on the the question. "What course of conduct between ministers is best calculated to secure the unity, peace, purity & harmony of the Church." The following question was chosen for the next Conference, viz. "The best means of promoting piety among our ministers & people."

Mr. F. Nash read a critical exercise, which was sustained. Rev. Wm. Paisley, E. B. Currie, & George M. Forrell [redacted] Rev. John S. Pickard & Mr. John Jones ruling Elder & Rev. E. W. Caruthers & Mr. Wm. Rankin ruling Elder had leave of absence.

Rev. A. D. Montgomery from the Committee on the state of religion presented a report & narrative which was read, adopted & directed to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

The committee on the examination of candidates made a report which was adopted, & is as follows. viz.

That they had examined Mr Wm. Sutton on English grammar, Arithmetic, Algebra to quadratics. On Geography, the Greek & Latin languages & recommend that these examinations be sustained as parts of trial; but that he be again examined on these subjects. They had also examined Mr. Lo. T. Murry on the Latin & Greek languages & recommend that his examinations be sustained as part of trial on the same condition.

Mr Murry & Sutton were directed to prepare for examination on Greek Grammar the first five Chapts of the Epistle to the Romans in greek & the 6th. book of the Eneid of Virgil.

Revelatio divina fuerit necessaria ad salutem lapsi hominis. was assigned to Mr. Sutton as the subject of a Latin Exegesis.

Mr. Edward Hines & Mr. Benj. M. Hobson were each directed to prepare an Essay on some subject of Christian morals, to be read before Presbytery at the next stated meeting.

Mr Frederick Nash jun. & Mr Lomuel Murry were examined on natural & Christian theology & Church history — their examination was sustained as parts of trial. Mr Murry read a Latin Exegesis which was sustained as part of trial.

Mr Nash read a Lecture on 110. Psalm & a Sermon on Rom. 8. 1. which were sustained as parts of trial; after which, he was licensed to preach as a probationer for the gospel ministry.

The Presbytery was then adjourned to meet at the cross Roads Church, on the thursday before 4th Sabbath in august. Concluded with prayer & the apostolic benediction.

N. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

Annual report of the Presbytery of Orange

to the General Assembly April 22. 1837

№	Names of Ministers		№	Congregations	Communicants Added on Examine	Added on Certif.	Total	Baptisms Adults	Baptisms Infants	Collections Total	Collections Missions	Collections Commn	Collections Seminary	Collections Education
1.	Rev. Wm Paisley	SS	1.	Bethel. SS.	2.		78.		5.	5	$ 22. 00	5. 00		
			2.	Greensboro SS.	1.	3	49	1.	4	5.	50 00	b. 00		38 00
2.	E. B. Currie	P.	3.	Hawfields			162.		3.	3.	18 20	5 00		
			4.	Cross Roads.	1.		127.		5	5	16. 00	5 00		
3.	John A. Pickard		5.	Bethesda.	1.		82.				6 00	7. 00		
			6.	Stoney Creek.	2.		74.	1.	5.	6.	10 00	3. 00		
4.	Elijah Graves	ME.	7.	Bethlehem. V.			20.					2. 00		
5.	Elisha Mitchell	Prof.	8.	Chapel Hill. V.										
6.	Eli W. Carruthers	P.	9.	Buffalo.			120.		3.	3.		6 00		40 00
			10.	Allemance.	3.		120.	2.	3.	5		6.		20 00
7.	A. D. Montgomery	SS	11.	Reed House.		2.	63.		2.	2.	16. 00	8.		
			12.	Harmony			33.		2.	2.				
			13.	Carmel	1.		14.					5		
8.	Thos Lynch.	P.	14.	Fairfield			35.		8.	8.	11 55	3.		
			15.	Griers.			43.				2 75	4.		
9.	H. P. Gosarich	Prof.	16.	High Rock V.			11.					4.		
10.	N. H. Harding.	SS	17.	Milton		3	41.		3.	3.	19 50	8.		112 50
			18.	Bethany			30.							

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No	Ministers Names		No	Congregations Names
11	Alexr. Wilson	Supt	19	Lexington.
12	Robt Burwell	P.	20	Hillsboro.
13	George Ferrell	SS	21	Speedwell.
			22	Gum Grove.
14	Wm C. McElroy	P	23	Danville.
15	Thompson Bird.	SS	24	Spring Garden.
16	James Phillips	Supt	25	New Hope.
17	Daniel G. Doak	SS	26	Eno.
			27	Little River.
18	Nathaniel B. Patterson	SS	28	Sandy Ridge.
19	John A. Gretter.	Supt		

Communicants Added on examination	Added on Certificate	Total.	Baptisms Adults	Infants	Total	Collections Missions.	Com.	The Sem.	Education
1	1	80	1	1	2	$ 75 00	5 00		
	2	49		7	7	107 85	10		842 77
		86		3	3		1 33		
		32				6 00	2 00		
3	10	69	2	2	8	50 00	8 00		50 00
4	5	44	1	3	4	20 00	3 00		
1		93		3	3	22 00	3 25		6 25
1		84		3	3	19 00	3 00		
9		115	5	28	33	31 00	3 00		
7		7							
29	26	1761	13	92	105	681 85	115 54		309 52

Licentiates. Mrr. Jona. T. Ely. & Frederick Nash jun.

Candidates. Nelson Mebane. A. G. Hughs. Lemuel Murry J. Paisley. John C. Rankin. Benj. M. Hobson. Edward Hines Malcom C. Sutton. Samuel Schofield. Fenner Walker. & William Durham.

Dismissions. The Rev. Philip Pierson Oct. 6. 1836 to the Presbytery of Harmony. & Rev James D. Hall April. 21. 1837. to the Presbytery of Concord. A. E. Thorn, a licentiate, to the care of the Presbytery of West Hanover.

Accessions. By Ordination. Nathaniel B. Patterson. Nov. 1836 By Certificate. Rev John A Gretter from the Presbytery of East Hanover.

Recapitulation.

Ministers 19. Of these 4. only are pastors 5 are professors, or teachers in institutions of learning. 2. unite teaching & preaching. & act as stated supplies.

Licentiates. 2.

Candidates 11.

Churches. 28.

Communiccints 1761.

Total of money collected for missions Education & Commissioners. $ 1119 94.

Milton May 4. 1837.
N. H. Harding.
Stated Clerk.

Minutes of the 135 Session
of the
Presbytery of Orange
held at
the Cross Roads Church
August 1837.

Cross Roads Aug 24. 1837.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, & was opened with a Sermon by Rev. James Phillips the last moderator from p. 133. Constituted by prayer. Present —
Ministers. Rev. Wm Peisley. C. B. Currie. J. H. Pickard. Elijah Graves. Eli W. Caruthers. A. D. Montgomery. Thos. Lynch. N. P. Goodrich. N. H. Harding. Alex.r Wilson. Robt Burwell. George Ferrell. Thompson Bird. ——— James Phillips. John A. Gretter. Daniel G. Doak. & A. B. Patterson. Absent Elisha Mitchell.

Elders. Samuel Kirkpatrick. J. N. Clark. J. L. Wood.
R. Donald. James Currie. ~~Andrew~~ Andrew Mc Cauley. Wm Morrow.
J. R. Faucett. O Long. N. M. Lewis. Thos. P. Atkinson.
H. R. Dusenbury. Alexr. Harelie. Wm Currie. A. Walker.
Elisha Wharton. Alfred Scales. Total 17

Rev. Eli N. Carruthers was chosen Moderator & Robt Burwell & J. A. Gretter temporary Clerks.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read.

Rev. Phillips & Long were appointed a committee on the minutes of the last Gen. Assembly.

Presbytery having been informed of the death of the Rev. Wm C. Anderson, one of their members. - Messrs Montgomery & Gretter, were appointed a committee, to prepare a minute, expressive of their feelings ~~of Presbytery~~ under this afflictive dispensation of divine providence.

Messrs. Leach & Atkinson were appointed a committee of supplies.

The Rev. R. Burwell from the standing committee on the case of John Chavis, reported the following resolution. which was adopted. viz.

Resolved that this Presbytery bind itself to pay annually fifty dollars toward the support of the said John Chavis in half yearly payments. Dr Thos P Atkinson was appointed to assess this sum equally on the churches under our care.

Resolved. That it be a standing rule of this Presbytery that all committees be composed of an equal number of ministers & Elders.

Messrs. Phillips. Wilson. Atkinson & James Currie, were appointed a committee to examine candidates on their literary & scientific course of study.

Dr. Thos P. Atkinson. to whom was assigned the duty of assessing the chs. for the support of John Chavis, made the following report which was adopted. viz.

Tht the churches of Bethlehem. Gum Grove. Spesdwell. Concord. Newhope. Stoney Creek. Fairfield. Spring Garden. High Rock. Required to pay fifty cents each, semiannually. Grove seventy five cents. Lexington, Bethesda. Harmony. Bethel. Little River. Chapel Hill & Eno. one dollar each. Cross Roads. Buffalo. Allemance. Greensboro. Hawfields & Bethany one dollar & twenty five cents. Red House. Deanville & Milton $1.75. & Hillsboro $2.

2. Tht the Stated Clerk report our action on this subject to the several Sessions; & that they be required to send us to Presbytery at each stated meeting, their respective proportions of the fund, which we are pledged to raise for the support of this aged & infirm labourer in the Lords vineyard.

Mr. I. J. Ely having made application to Presbytery for ordination. messrs. Wilson. Burwell. Baird & J. W. Clark were appointed a committee to consider & report on his application.

Adjourned till tomorrow 9 o't A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

August 25. Presbytery met according to adjournment. 51

opened with prayer. Present as above.

The order of the day was suspended till tomorrow.

Wm R. D. Lindsley, an Elder from Greensboro church & Richard I. Smith, an Elder from the Red House church appeared in Presbytery & took their seats.

The Rev. David Thom, from the Presbytery of Shiloh, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A. H. Harding from the committee on the minutes of the Gen. Assembly, reported in part as follows. viz.

The committee to whom was refer'd the minutes of the G. Assembly report. Tht on page 421. they find a resolution declaring the act of the Assembly of 1801. called "a plan of union between the Presbyterians & Congregationalists, in the new settlements" to be abrogated

On pages 439. 444. they find resolutions, declaring the so called, Synods of Western Reserve, Utica. Geneva. & Genesee which have grown out of the above said. "plan of union" to be out of the ecclesiastical connexion of the Presbyterian church of the United States of America; & tht they are not in form or in fact

an integral part of said church. On then act. of the Assembly the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution. Viz.

Resolved. Tht this Presbytery of Orange, &c, & hereby elect highly approve of the acts of the late Gen. Assembly, abrogating the "Plan of Union & declaring the said Synods of N. Reserve - Utica Geneva & Genessee to be out of the Ecclesiastical connexion of the Presbyterian church. for the following, among other reasons.

1 Because the act of 1801. called a "plan of union" permitted men to Enter the Presbyterian church contrary ~~contrary~~ to the Express provisions of the constitution. See Form of Government Digest 367 & 378-79 357-8. 361 & 365. Digest page 297-8.

2 Because the tendency of said plan is to deprive the church of ruling Elders, & then destroy one of the most important & distinguishing features of our beloved Presbyterian church.

3 Because of the manifest injustice & injury inflicted on our church, by permitting men to vote in our judicatories, who have never adopted our standards, & then to make & administer laws, by which they themselves refuse to be governed. The adoption of this resolution was opposed by Rev H.P. Goodrich & advocated by N.H Hoerding. Wilson. Carruthers & others. The question on the adoption being called for, the roll was called & the yeas & nays taken as follows. Yeas. ministers. Messrs. Peisley. Currie. Pickard. Graves. Carruthers. Montgomery. Lynch. Hoerding. Wilson. Burwell. Ferrell. Phillips. Gritter. Doak & Patterson. 15. Elders. Messrs. Kirkpatrick. Clark. Donald. Woods. J. Currie. Mc Cauley. Morrow. Fawcett. Long. Beaird. Lewis. Atkinson. Hoerdie. Wm Currie. Wharton. Lindsey & Smith. total. 32. Nays. ministers. Messrs. Goodrich & Bird. Elders. Messrs. Dusenbery. Walker & Seeds. Total. 5. So the resolution was adopted.

Rev. A. Wilson from the committee on the application of mr Ely reported in favour of his ordination. this report was accepted & adopted.

The Commissioner to the Gen Assembly reported

The Treasurer made his report, which was referred to the auditing committee.

Mr Wm Durham was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry; he was examined on experimental religion, & his motives for desiring the sacred office. His case was deferred till the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Mr Montgomery from the committee on the decease of brother McElroy (see page 48) reported the following minute which was adopted. viz.

Resolved. That we have heard with unfeigned sorrow that on the 24 of last may, our dear brother was called from his labours in the church below to his joy & reward in the church above.

We mourn our loss, as he was to us all a beloved brother, full of the spirit of his heavenly master one who gave promise of great usefulness in our earthly Sion. But while we mourn our loss & that of the church, we also rejoice, as knowing that our loss is his gain. his glorious gain.

Although this has been an afflictive providence, depriving one of our churches of the labours of a pastor, who, by his amiable deportment, conciliating manners & commendable zeal, had endeared himself to each member of his church, & to all who knew him & at the same time was exercising a most salutary moral influence in the village where he resided. — Yet we believe that "the judge of all the earth has done right"

We deeply sympathize with his bereaved & afflicted family, & say to them, the Lord has cared his

heaven upon you, but not in wrath. a tender Father holds in his hand the rod & at the same time tenders the cup of consolation; & though this bleeds her surviving children the tenderest ties that binds the human heart on Earth, still there is comfort in the hope that these ties severed on Earth, shall be re-united in Heaven.

By this afflictive providence we are, as a Presbytery, most solemnly warned, that the time is short & that we should exercise greater zeal & more diligence in our Masters cause; that when our course is finished we may say with holy Paul.

"I have fought a good fight"

On motion of Dr. Thos. P. Atkinson. the Stated clerk was directed to forward a copy of the above report to the widow of Br. McElroy.

The committee on Education made the following report which was accepted & adopted. viz. 1st. they have under their care three beneficiaries viz Edward Hines. Wm Dunham & Benj. M. Hobson.

The Rev. Robt. Burwell from the auditing committee, reported that they had examined the account of the treasurer Eli N. Berkshire & found the same correctly kept & accompanied with the proper vouchers. Signed Robt. Burwell John A. Gretter

N. H. Harding from the committee on the minutes of the Gen. Assembly. reported the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously. viz

Resolved that this Presbytery highly approve of the determination of the Gen Assembly to conduct & superintend, by its own authority, the work of Foreign Missions.

The following preamble & resolutions where introduced by N. H. Harding viz

Whereas the paper, called the Southern Religious Telegraph, has assumed an attitude of great hostility to the acts of the last Gen. Assembly, & has made & is now making, great Efforts to divide our hitherto happily united churches. & whereas it is the Expressa

opinion of this Presbytery, that the acts of the said G. Assembly are highly beneficial to the best interests of the Presbyterian Church, & the maintenance of them absolutely necessary to her distinctive existence & peace.

Therefore, Resolved That in the opinion of this Presbytery the influence of the said So. R. Telegraph is very injurious to the best interests of the Presbyterian church, tending to sap her foundations & destroy her peace. 2 That this Presbytery do, & hereby does most affectionately exhort all the members of the churches under ~~their~~ care, to discontinue & discountenance the said So. R. Telegraph, & transfer their patronage to some Presbyterian paper, the influence of which will tend to produce peace & harmony among ourselves. 3 That each minister be directed to make these resolutions known to his respective congregations.

These resolutions were accepted by a large majority.

Daniel G. Doack obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned till tomorrow 9 A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Aug. 26th.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer. Present as above.

Resolved that the next stated meeting of Presbytery be held in the town of Milton on Wednesday before the 2 Sabbath in April. 1838. at 7 in the evening.

Resolved that Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting in Lexington on the thursday before the 4th sabbath in October for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Ely & licensing Mr. N. Milborne.

Eph. 4. 18. was assigned to Mr Ely as the subject of his trial ordination Sermon. Rev A Wilson was appointed to preach the ordination Sermon Rev Eli. W. Carruthers to preside & give the charge.

Messrs. Beasley. Wilson. Gritter. Lineweaver. Patterson
Wharton & Dusenbury had leave of absence.

The committee on the minutes of the Gen. Assembly reported the following resolution. which was adopted. viz.
Resolved. That this Presbytery do. hereby also recommend to the careful attention of the churches under their care, the narrative of the state of religion, & the pastoral letter of the Gen. Assembly as published in their minutes
2. That each minister is hereby required to read the same to their respective churches.

The following resolution, introduced by Rev. Robt. Burwell, was ~~xxxx~~ unanimously accepted. viz Resolved. That this Presbytery recommend to the churches under their care, to furnish themselves with the Series of Tracts, published by the Presbyterian Tract So. as in the opinion

of this Presbytery containing an able exposition of the peculiar doctrines & order of the Presbyterian church.

The following resolution submitted by Rev. H. P. Goodrich was laid on the table. Viz.

Resolved That this Presbytery, recommend to the Synod of No Ca, to endeavour, in connexion with the Synod of Va, to establish a religious News-paper, which shall be entirely subject to their mutual control; & whose Editor shall be appointed by them.

Resolved, That in consequence of the number of members, who have obtained leave of absence, the order of the day (mutual conference) be defer'd, till the next stated meeting of Presbytery, & that the same question be the subject to be ~~xxxxxxxx~~ See Page. 3?

The committee appointed at last stated meeting of Presbytery (see page 36) at the request of the session of the church at Erie, reported; that they met at the time & place appointed, & disposed of the business brought before them by the said Sessions.

Rev H.P. Goodrich presented a protest signed by himself & 4 others, against the resolution of Presbytery, approving the act of the late G. Assembly, which was received, read & committed to messrs Harding & Atkinson to be answered.

Mr Phillips from the examining committee reported that they had examined mr Murry on Literature & Science (except the Hebrew Language) & recommended that his examination be sustained as part of trial. This report was adopted.

Mr Murry was then examined on the Hebrew Language, which was sustained.

Mr Fawcet had leave of absence.

Mr Samuel Schoolfield, a member of the Church Buffalo church was introduced to Presbytery, as a candidate for the ministry. & Examined on Experimental religion & his motives for desiring the sacred office. his examination was sustained, & he was taken under the care of Presbytery.

Mr Bird was appointed on the examining Committee in place of mr Wilson, who had leave of absence

Mr Murry read a critical Exercise & popular lecture, which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr Burwell from the committee on the case of John Chavis reported, that $26.25 had been collected for him.

Committee on Examinations reported, that they had examined mr Sutton on the 5. first chapts of the Epistle to the Romans, & on the 6th book of the Aeneid of Virgil. This report was adopted & his examination sustained.

T. H. Herring from the committee appointed to answer the protest of H. R. Goodrich & others, made a report recommending that the protest be Entered on the minutes with the answer the report & answer were read, accepted & adopted, & the protest & answer, were ordered to be spread on the minutes, & are as follows viz.

Protest.

The undersigned, members of the Orange Presbytery, beg leave to enter upon the records of Presbytery their solemn protest against the decision of this body, approving the act of the late Assembly by which certain Synods in New York & Ohio, were separated from the Presbyterian Church.

While we cordially approve of the repeal of the plan of Union, we regard the act of the Assembly in its application as justly exposed to the charge of disingenuousness in not bearing on the real reasons for its adoption on its face;

Unfaithfulness towards alleged errorists, in allowing them to depart as if innocent. Unkindness towards acknowledged christians, in acting towards them with much severity — unjust towards most Presbyterians in implicating them with others, & tacitly blaming them for doing the work which the Assembly imposed upon them — Unconstitutional in violating certain great & precious principles of Presbyterianism — unwise in its tendency to defeat its alleged object, the segregation of the Church from heresy — impolitic in its liability to divide our church, at a time when we need all our strength & its concession of a precedent which may be used to the injury of our church & dangerous to Ecclesiastical liberty, in its assumption of unclear & unscriptural powers by the Assembly

Thus regarding the act of the Assembly, we protest against the formal approbation of it by our presbytery, for these reasons namely.

The resolution is unnecessary, unwise & dangerous to ourselves, inasmuch as a partial approbation would have gained every good object & avoided assuming so much responsibility for the acts of others & the adoption of principles dangerous to our systems of government.

Signed.

Hiram P. Goodrich
Thompson Bird
A. Walker
H. R. Dusenbury
A. M. Scales

} Elders.

} Ministers

Answer.

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In answer to the protest of the minority, the Presbytery cannot but express their deep regret that on a subject of such vital importance to the very existence of our beloved church, as the act of the late G. Assembly, the approbation of which by the Presbytery has called forth the present protest there should be found in our hitherto happily united Presbytery, even so small a minority as five, out of 37, who cannot cordially unite with their brethren of this Presbytery, & with the best & purest men, & soundest Presbyterians in other part of the church, in their pious & holy efforts to free our church from the grasp of those enemies, both within & without, who thrust on her very existence. We feel fondly hopeful that there would be found none among us to plead for the continuance of an unlawful connexion, which has given power to another denomination, to rule those who are true Presbyterians.

But while we so deeply regret that there are found among us men calling themselves presbyterians & even of true southern presbyterian origin, who feel constrained by their sympathies, to act with those, whom we most solemnly believe are anti presbyterian in character & practice, who though they have had an unlawful connection with us, are nevertheless, a very diverse people from us in their doctrines feelings & practice. Still we recognise fully, their right to protest against what we have done, & our duty to answer their protest with christian kindness & candour desiring to do nothing, by which the feelings of our brethren shall be further alienated from us & the church, but we would, rather hope that when foreign influence shall cease to operate on their minds, they will unite with us in saving our church from the hands of her invaders.

To detect & refute all the Errors & misstatements, as we conceive them, contained in this short protest would occupy more time than this Presbytery can afford at this late hour; nor do we deem this of so much consequence as the protest contains nothing which cannot be found in the protests of Peter Berna Cleaveland, Kingsbury, Hildreth & Eldad Barber & all which false statements & Errors are fully exposed & refuted in the answers to the several protests of the minority, by the majority in the last Assembly. As the professed object of the of the minority is not to protest against the acts of the Assembly, but against the resolution of this Presbytery, approving the 20th act, by which the so called 3d book of the Western Reserve Utica Geneva & Genesee, are declared not to have any lawful Ecclesiastical connexion with the Presbyterian church——

We therefore pass without remark the disrespectful manner in which they speak of the Assembly intimating that the said Assembly, was actuated by one motive, while they avowed to the church the world & to God that they were influenced by another & thus, seeming, at least, to charge the more than one hundred men in that Assembly with duplicity & falsehood.

The protestants say that they approve of the repeal of the "plan of union" but in this, we think they convey a false idea; by using the word repeal, they assume as a fact, that the plan of union was constitutional, but the Assembly did not repeal, in the sense of the protestants but declared it wholly abrogated. To prove that the "plan of union" is a violation of the written constitution, it is only necessary to compare the form of government with the act of 1801. called the "plan of union."

the manner in which the ch are to be governed &

The written constitution points out the qualifications of voters for elders, members of presbyterian congregations, the qualification of candidates (members of the presbyterian church) when elected the qualifying declaration, or oath of office to be taken before or when they are inducted into office.

The plan permits another form of government committee men instead of elders, changes the qualifications of voters, they may be congregationalists, the candidate, may be of the same church, & when chosen, they are not required to take the qualifying declaration, they are not required to approve the form of government of the Presbyterian church, or pledge themselves to support it — yet these foreigners, so elected, are allowed to set & vote in presbytery, yes to administer a government which they do not approve & under which they do not live. If any man by comparing these two instruments, is not convinced that the "Plan," is a direct violation of the written constitution, we consider him too much blinded by

prejudice & pledged to party to yield either to argument or conviction.

The protestants, while they seem to rejoice that the plan is no more, & no longer in force, complain that the Synods which have risen from this plan & have been built up of men whose sympathies, to say the least, are anti-Presbyterian, have been "separated from the Presbyterian church. In reply to this we say. That we are at a loss to conceive with what propriety, they the protestants can approve of the act of the Assembly, by which the foundation was destroyed, & yet complain that the building has fallen. But & we reply that whatever body has no lawful connection with the Presbyterian church, cannot be separated from it. The Assembly did not separate, but simply declared that the said Synods had no ecclesiastical connexion with the P. church. The fallacy contained in this

statement of the protestants is this, they first assume that the plan was constituted that committee men chosen by congregationalists, who never received or adopted the Confession, or form of government, are nevertheless presbyterian Elders, & govern & represent presbyterian churches & 2d that these Synods formed out of such materials are truly presbyterian Synods, & then on this ground complain that they were separated, that is cut off from the Presbyterian church. We admit that they were & are Synods, but not presbyterian Synods in the sense & meaning of our Constitution. as has been fully admitted by the minority on the floor of the last Assembly. & therefore could not be separated from the P. church in the sense complained of by the protestants.

The protestants further say, that the A. was unfaithful in suffering alleged errorists to depart as if innocent. This statement seems to imply that

the A. had these errorists fully in their power, but through sympathy with Error, suffered the guilty to depart without trial. as if they were innocent.

To this we reply; that when the A. declared the pleas to be abrogated they did in fact declare that they had no ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the said Synods & therefore could not bring them lawfully to trial. But moreover, when, after the abrogation of the "pleas of union" the A. did propose to bring these Synods to trial, they did contend violently against the right & power of the Assembly to bring them to trial. Besides these errorists did not depart as if innocent, by any connivance of the A. but were with difficulty constrained to resign the use of their unlawful power, & were justly expelled as intruders

The charge of unkindness has been fully refuted in the various answers of the majority to the protests of the minority in the last A.

It will be time Enough to answer the charge of injustice towards real presbyterians in those Synods when the real presbyterians themselves complain of unjust treatment.

We have as yet seen no evidence that the acts of the A. are unwise in their tendency, if we understand that phrase, these acts have tended to bring into view the real sympathies of men & this we deem a matter of no small importance.

As to the acts being impolitic, we reply, that we hope & believe, that the orthodox in the last A. were not governed by policy but by the fear of God & a love for his church. So far from considering the acts of the last A as dangerous to Ecclesiastical liberty we consider them as a noble stand in favour of the dearest rights & liberties of presbyterians, against the invaders, who are treading down our walls & destroying the precious inheritance left us by our fathers

And we cannot but deem this charge as unjust & cruel tending to excite popular prejudice against a church which has always shown its attachment to civil & religious liberty

The protestants complain that these acts of the A will divide the church. To this we reply that those very people whom they wish to admit into the church have caused strife & dissension among us for years, & we fully believe, that nothing short of sustaining these acts will restore peace, heal the wounds which these people have inflicted on our church.

In answer to the declaration that the A violated certain great & precious principles of presbyterianism we say, that we know of no great principles of presbyterianism which are not contained in the constitution & which precious principles therein embodied have been for years most grossly violated by the existence of the unlawful "plan of union" & the acts of the

A so far from being done in violation of the written constitution, were done to sustain it, & to protect from further violation, those precious principles of presbyterian church government so dear to the heart of every true presbyterian: & further the protestants do not attempt to show that the acts complained of are contrary to the written constitution.

We consider the assertion, that the A assumed undue & unscriptural powers as a mere assertion, in the face of the constitution, the power that could enact could repeal, & if the act was unconstitutional the A. was the proper power to abrogate it. We admit that the power possessed by the A. to defend & protect the church ~~& discipline~~ renders the situation of all anti-presbyterians in the church unsafe.

Finally we deem the declaration of the Protestant that the resolution of Presbytery, is unnecessary, uncouth & dangerous as a mere expression of opinion, to which they are fully entitled; & that a sufficient answer may be found in the solemn & recorded declaration of thirty two, out of thirty seven members of this Presbytery, that the resolution was wise, necessary, & safe for all who love the Presbyterian church.

Resolved that Mr Murry deliver his popular discourse this evening at 7. & that Presbytery will then license him as a probationer

Mr Schoolfield was directed to prepare for examination on the first two Georgics of Virgil & the first five Chapt. of the Acts in Greek, & Mr Skelton on the two first Satires of Horace, & Rom. 6—11. chapts inclusive.

Resolved that the candidates under the care of this Presbytery be examined, at an early steps of their preparatory course, on church government.

Mr Lemuel Murry having passed through all the usual parts of trial previous to licensure, with satisfaction to the Presbytery, he was licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer; of which the following is a record.

At the Cross Roads, Orange Co August 26. 1837.

The Presbytery of Orange, having received satisfactory testimonials in favour of Lemuel Murry, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion.

The Presbytery did, thereby do, license him Lemuel Murry to preach the gospel as a —

probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wheresoever else he shall be orderly called.

Resolved that Presbytery meet during the sessions of Synod at the call of the Moderator.

The committee of supplies made the following report which was adopted. viz

That Messrs Harding & Montgomery preach one Sabbath each at Danville

Resolved that the committee on missions be instructed to prepare & digest some plan for supplying the destitute territory within our bounds with the means of grace; & to report at the next stated meeting of Presbytery

Rev. John H Pickard was appointed on the standing committee of missions. in place of Mr Mc Elroy deceased.

Adjourned to meet at Synod at the call of the Moderator. Concluded with prayer & the Apostolic benediction.

N. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

Annual Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the Synod of No. Carolina. August 1837.

The Presbytery of Orange consists of 18 ministers. Have under their care 28 churches. 3 Licentiates & 8 Candidates.

Note. A full statistical report to the Synod was read before Presbytery by the S. Clerk approved by the P. & ordered to be presented to Synod. Best as it is nearly a transcript of the report to the G. Assembly it is here omitted. See page 40.

Synod of North Carolina in Session at Shiloh Church 22 September 1837—

Thus far reviewed and approved—

N. H. Harding. Moderator

Shiloh. Sept. 23. 1837. Presbytery met at the call of the moderator. Constituted with prayer. Present ministers. Rev E. W. Caruthers. A. D. Montgomery. Thos. Lynch. R. Burwell. G. Ferrell. J. Bird. D. G. Doak. N. B. Patterson. J. A. Gretter. N. H. Harding.

Elders Wm. Baird. J. P. Atkinson.

Adjourned to meet at Lexington. on the thursday before the 4. Sabbath in October next. Concluded with prayer.

Lexington Oct. 19. 1837.

Presbytery met according to adjournment present Rev. Eli N. Carruthers. Alex. Wilson, & N. H. Harding. (ministers) & Robt. Foster Elder. Constituted with prayer. & then adjourned to meet tomorrow at 8 A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Oct. 20. Presbytery met according to adjournment present as above. Opened with prayer.—

Mr. Jonathan Trumbull Ely a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery was examined on Church govern ment & the Sacraments. & his examination being sustained as parts of trial—it was resolved that he should preach his trial sermon in the church at 11 A. M. Mr. Ely having preached his sermon, which was sustained. It was resolved, that he having passed through all his examinations, in a manner highly satisfactory to the Presbytery, he should be ordained this Evening after sermon.

Mr Harding preached the ordination Sermon in place of mr Wilson. After Sermon Mr Ely was ordained, after the apostolic Example by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. In this Service Mr Harding (at the reqiest of the moderator) presided & put the constitutional queries, which were satisfactorily answered by the candidate, & Mr Wilson gave the charge to the newly ordained Evangelist. after which mr Ely was recieved as a member of presbytery.

Mr Carruthers had leave of absence & Mr Wilson was appointed moderator in his place.

Mr William Nelson Mebane, a candidate under the care of this presbytery, was Examined on English Grammar, Rhetoric & Logic. he also read a Latin Exegesis on the quest.

& a critical Exercise on Isai. VII. 13. 14. 15. & a Sermon

on Acts III. 16. he also delivered his popular lecture before the congregation in the church.

All of these were sustained as parts of trial.

Adjourned till tomorrow 9 A.M. Concluded with prayer. Oct. 21. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as yesterday. Opened with prayer. Mr Mebane was examined on Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Arithmetic, Natural Philosophy, Mathematicks Geography, Theology & Church History. all of which were sustained as parts of trial. It was resolved that as Mr Mebane had passed through all his trials to the full satisfaction of the Presbytery — he should be licensed to night after Sermon. Accordingly after Sermon at night he was licensed to preach the gospel in the manner directed by the form of government Chapt. XIV.

At Lexington Oct 21 1837. The Presbytery of Orange having received testimonials in favour of William Nelson McIlvaine of his being in communion of the church, & he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature & proficiency in divinity & other studies &c & he having exhibited the Confession of faith of this church & satisfactorily answered the questions. the presbytery did & hereby do license him the said W. N. McIlvaine to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this presbytery, or wherever else he may be orderly called.

Presbytery having finished their business adjourned to meet at Melton, on wednesday before the 3 Sabbath in March at 7 in the Evening.

Minutes

of the 19th Session of the

Presbytery of Orange

held at

Milton

1838.

Milton April 11th 1838.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with a Sermon by Rev. Eli W. Caruthers from 1 Cor. 2. 16 v. Constituted with prayer by the moderator.

Present.

Rev. Wm Peasley. E. B. Currie. E. W. Caruthers. A. D. Montgomery. Thos Lynch. N. H. Harding. Alexr Nelson. George Farrell. D. S. Doak. John A. Grotten. I. T. Ely Ministers. With Thos Pendergast. Robt Donnell. James Currie. Andrew McCauley. Alexr Gatties. Warner M. Leaves. Elders.

Absent. Rev. John H. Pickard. Elijah Graves. N. P. Goodrich. Robt Burwell. J. Bird. James Phillips. Elisha Mitchell.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9. A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

April 12.

Presbytery met, opened with prayer presnt as above. Rev John A Gretten was chosen moderator. A D. Mcgomery & D S Doak temp. Clerks.

The minutes of the last Stated & intermediate meetings were read.

Rev. Wm McSheeten DD. of the presbytery of Roanoke being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Rev. Samuel Paisley presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Concord & requested to be received as a member of this Presbytery. She having been Excommunicated by the Mod. was received by the unanimous vote of the presbytery.

Robt Ross an Elder from Danville. Wm Beard do from Harmony. Richard I Smith. Do from the Red House. Joseph Barlow do from Little River Appeared in Presbytery & took their seats.

The Church of Spring Hill, was on their application, through Rev. N. N Harding, taken under the care of Presbytery.

Rev. Wm Paisley & Thos Pendergast were appointed a committee to review the Session books of Hawfields. Red House. & Eno.

A. D. Mcgomery & A. McCauley on the books of Alamance & Bethany.

E. McCaruthen & Wm M. Lewis were appointed a committee of review on the books of Speedwell. Sum Grove. & Bethesda.

Thos Lynch & R. Ross on those of Stoney Creek & Bethlehem.

A. Wilson & Wm Baird on the books of Cross Roads & Newhope. George Ferrell & A. Gatts on the books of Bethel & Chapel Hill.

D. G. Deak & R. Donnel on the books Hillsboro & Greensboro. J. J. Ely & J. Currie on those of Harmony & Milton.

N. N. Harding & W. M. Lewis on those of Danville & Lexington.

Thos. Lynch & W. Baird on those of Carmel Grier's & Spring Garden.

E. W. Caruthers & R. Ross on the books of High Rock & Fairfield.

A. Wilson & Wm. Baird were appointed a Committee of Supplies.

E. W. Caruthers & Robt Ross were appointed a committee to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. A. B. Patterson, late a member of this Presbytery.

Wm Morrow an Elder from Bethlehem, & George Williamson from Bethany appeared in Presbytery & took their seats.

The following persons were nominated as Commissioners to the Gen. Assembly viz. Rev. A. H. Harding. A. D. Montgomery & E. W. Caruthers with R. J. Smith & A. M. Lewis Elders.

Resolved that the Election of Commissioners be the order of the day for tomorrow 3 P. M.

Rev J. Bird appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.

A letter from the Rev. N. McPheeters D. D. agt. for the Gen. Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions was read. & referred to a Committee consisting of E. W. Caruthers. A. Wilson. W. M. Lewis & W. Baird.

J. Bird. E. W. Caruthers J. J. Ely. R. Ross. J. Currie & A. McCauley were appointed a Committee to examine Candidates during the present session on their Literary & Scientific course

Enquiry was made of the ministers present whether they had complied with the order of the Presbytery, made at the last stated meeting, requiring them to read to their churches the Circular, Pastoral Letter & narrative of the State of religion, published by the last Gen. Assembly.

Rev Benjamin B. Smith of the Presbytery of West Hanover being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev J. H. Pickard appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.

The Danville Church, by their commissioner, Cecil, before Presbytery a call addressed to the Rev. B. M. Smith of the Presbytery of West Hanover & requested permission

to prosecute the same before that Presbytery. The Call being found in order the request of the church was granted.

Calls addressed to the Rev A. D. Montgomery from the churches of Spring Hill, Harmony, & Carmel were laid before Presbytery & being found in order were put into his hands. He having signified his acceptance of the same it was resolved, that he be installed at Carmel on the third Sabbath in May, by a committee consisting of Rev D. S. Doak & Thos Lynch. At Harmony on the first Sabbath in July by a committee, consisting of Rev T. Bird & R. Burwell, & at Spring Hill on the fourth Sabbath in August by a committee consisting of Rev D. S. Doak & A. H. Harding.

& that in these several installations Mr. Doak should preach the sermon at Carmel & give the charge to the bishop & Mr Lynch give the charge to the people.

At Harmony Mr Bird shd preach the sermon & give the charge to the bishop & Mr Burwell give the charge to the people.

At Spring Hill Mr Harding shd preach the sermon & give the charge to the bishop & Mr Doak give the charge to the people.

The Treasurer presented his report which was referd to the auditing Committee consisting of B Ferrell & R. I. Smith, who subsequently reported that they found the accounts of the treasurer correctly kept & accompanied by the proper vouchers.

Several Committees on Session books made reports which were accepted & adopted.

The Standing Committee on Education reported, that they have had two beneficiaries under their care since their last report viz Benj. M. Hobson & Edward Stines & that they had advanced these young men $120 & had pledged $38 to pay the bond of Wm Durham late a Student of the Caldwell Institute. Their report was accepted & adopted.

The Church Sessions were directed to have the record of each & every meeting of the Session signed by their clerk.

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The following were assigned to Mr John C. Rankin, a candidate under the care of this Presbytery, as parts of trial. Viz. For a Latin Exegesis. "An sit Satisfactio Christi necessaria" For a critical Exercise Rom. 1 chp. 1 to 7 v. inclusive. For a Lecture the 23 Psalm. 2 for a popular Sermon Rom. 8. chpt. 9 v. If any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his. Adjourned till tomorrow 9 A.M. Concluded with prayer.

April 13th (Friday)

Presbytery met & opened with prayer. minutes of yesterday were read.

A. Wilson from the Committee to whom was referred the letter from Dr McPheeters on domestic missions (see page 95) made a report which was received & adopted see No 4.

Alexr Hardie an Elder from Carmel appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.

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Resolved that each minister be & hereby is requested to form in his congregation or congregations a domestic missionary association & that an address on the subject of missions be delivered annually. & further, that each minister be required to report to Presbytery since annually what contributions have been made in aid of domestic missions by the people of his charge.

Mr Samuel Murry & Mr Frederick Nash Jun. licentiates under the care of this Presbytery, were at their own request, dismissed to put themselves under the care of the Presbytery of Morganton within the bounds of which they are now labouring.

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Presbytery then ~~took up~~ passed to the order of the day. Devotional Exercises & Conference on the Question "What is the best means of promoting the piety of our ministers & people"?

The following question was adopted for the next conference. "What is the best means for ~~promoting~~ expounding the sanctification of the Sabbath, especially among the rising generation."

E. W. Caruthers from the committee on the Session book of Speedwell reported that the book had not been put into their hands. Whereupon the committee was discharged.

The order of the day, Electing Commissioners, was taken up. Rev. N. H. Harding & Richard J. Smith (Elder) were Elected as principals & E. W. Caruthers & N. W. Lewis as their alternates.

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Rev. E. W. Caruthers from the committee on the death of Mr Patterson, made a report which was received, accepted & ordered for publication in the Watchman of the South See No 5.

George McWilliamson & others obtained leave to be formed into a church at Nancyville. Pickard, Montgomery, Lynch & Harding were appointed a committee to meet at Nancyville on the Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in June to organize the church & ordain & or set apart Elders.

The Committee on the Session books of of Bethel & Chapel Hill reported that the books had not been put into their hands, & prayed to be discharged. They were accordingly discharged.

Milton. 1838

The Committee on Supplies made the following report which was received & adopted. viz Resolved that each the ministers of this Presbytery spend one or two weeks in missionary labour at their own discretion, before the next Stated meeting of Presbytery

Presbytery had a free conversation on the state of religion; the Rev. A. Nelson was appointed to take notes & prepare a narative of the state of religion.

S. Jarrel & N. Morrow obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Committee on the session book of Allamance made a report which was accepted & adopted.

A. H. Harding from the Standing Committee on missions, according to the direction of Presbytery at the last Stated meeting, made a report: which was made the order of the day for tomorrow 9 A. M.

Resolved that the business of the Caldwell institute be the order of the day tomorrow at 10. A. M.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow. 14th at half past Eight A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Sat. April 14.

Presbytery met— opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read. The Rev. Robt Burwell appeared & took his seat in Presbytery

The narrative on the state of religion was read approved & the stated clerk was directed to forward it to the general Assembly

The Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich, was at his own request, dismissed to join the Presbytery of West Hanover. A letter from Rev. J. McFarland Cor. Sec. of the Assembly's Board of Education was laid before Presbytery who was read & referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr Bird from the Examining Committee made the following report which was adopted. viz The Committee, for want of time, have not been able, to Examine Mr. Sutton & Mr. Schoolfield on all that was assigned them at the last meeting of Presbytery.

They therefore recommend that Mr. Sutton prepare for Examination at the fall meeting of Presbytery, on the first four Catices of Hodges, on the first 12 chapt. of the Romans & on Greek Grammar. That Mr Schoolfield prepare on the first three Georgics of Virgil, the first five chapt. of the Acts of the Apostles & on Greek Grammar.

J. Bird & Wm Baird had leave of absence.

Resolved that Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting on friday before the 5th Sabbath in April at 7 P.M. at Danville.

Presbytery made the following arrangements for supplying the chh of Mr Harding during his absence to the G. Assembly.

A. D. Montgomery was requested to preach in Milton & at Gilead on the 4th Sabbath in May. Mr Bird at the same places on the 1st Sabbath in June. Mr. Smith was invited to preach at the Red House & in Milton, on the 2. Sab in May; & Mr. Burwell was requested to preach at the same places on the 2d Sabbath in June.

R. Burwell was appointed on the Education Committee in place of Mr Paisley resigned

The order of the day, special report of the Committee of Mission (see page 105) was taken up, & after some discussion was referred to the same committee to report at the next Stated meeting.

Presbytery held an interlocutory meeting respecting the Caldwell Institute. Much interest was manifested in the institution by all present ~~& were enrolled~~ J. J. Ely & R. J. Smith were appointed a committee on this subject, with instructions to report that afternoon.

Resolved, that the next stated meeting of Presbytery be held in Greensboro, on thursday before the 2d Sabbath in October at 12 Meridian.

Mr Ely from the committee on the Caldwell Institute made the following report which was adopted. viz.

1. Resolved, that the prosperity of the Institution will depend much on the interest which its friends shall manifest in its favour & in being present at the public examination of the students; & especially on the punctual

attendance of the trustees at the annual meeting of the board.

2. As the charter of the institution admits of the appointment of six additional trustees, therefore resolved, that in the opinion of this Presbytery, such addition ought to be made

3. That the salaries of the professors ought to be raised, as soon as the state of the funds will justify the measure.

4. That vigorous efforts ought to be made to raise for the Institution an adequate permanent fund.

Mr Burwell reported that he had received $24.75. for John Chavis.

Currie Gattis & Pendergast had leave of absence

The Committee to which was referred the letter of Mr Mc Farland. made the following report who was adopted.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk be, thereby is directed, to inform Mr Mc Farland. that the plan suggested by the board, has been pursued by this presbytery for some years past. Excepting that part which relates to the pledges; & to forward to him the names of the standing committee on Education.

Mr Lynch was appointed on the standing Committee of missions in the place of Mr Pickard resigned.

The following resolutions were adopted unanimously. viz.

Resolved that this Co. Hereby does most cordially invite the Rev. Presbytery of Roanoke to join with us in requesting the Rev Synod of No Ca to relenite the said Presbytery of Roanoke to the Presbytery of Orange from which we feel that they have been unnaturally separated.

Resolved that the States Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Presbytery of Roanoke.

Adjourned to meet in Danville April 27 (the friday before the 5th Sabbath) 1838 at 7 P.M.

N. H. Harding States Clerk.

Milton April 23. 1838.

Annual Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the General Assembly April 14 1838.

	Minister Names		Congregations		Communicants Exam.	Communicants Certif.	Communicants Total	Baptisms Adult	Baptisms In.	Baptisms To.	Collections Miss	Collections Com.	Collections Educa
1	Rev Wm Paisley	SS	1	Greensboro.	1.	2	50	1	3	4	109.	6 00	27 00
			2	Bethel.	1.		79		5	5		5 00	
2	E. B Currie	P	3	Cross Roads			129	-	3	3		4.22	
			4	Hawfields			156		2	2		6 00	
3	J. H. Pickard	SS	5	Bethesda			83						
			6	Stoney Creek	3		75		3	3		2 25	
4	E. Graves	SS	7	Bethlehem			34					2 00	
			8	Eno			86						
5	E. Mitchell	Prof	9	Chapel Hill			20						
6	E. W. Carruthers	P	10	Buffalo.			120		4	4		6 00	
1	[illegible]		11	Alamance	4		120					6 00	
7	A. D. Montgomery	SS	12	Harmony			20					5 00	
			13	Carmel	1.	20	31.					2 00	
			14	Spring Hill			9.					2 00	
8	S. Paisley	SS											
9	Thos Lynch	P	15	Griers	1		45					40	
			16	Fairfield		1.	36		1	1			

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	Ministers Names			Congregations	
10	N. H Harding	SS	17	Milton	SS
			18	Reed House	SS.
			19	Bethany	SS.
11	Alexr Wilson	Prof	20	Sandy Ridge V.	P
12	Robt. Burwell	Pa.	21	Hillsboro'	P
13	George Ferrell	SS	22	Speedwell	SS.
			23	Gum Grove	SS.
14	J. Bird	SS	24	Spring Garden	SS.
15	James Phillips	Prof	25	New Hope	SS.
16	L. G Doak	SS	26	Little River	SS.
17	John A. Gretter	Prof	27	High Rock	SS
18	J J Ellis	SS	28	Lexington	SS
	Total 18 Licentiate 1.		29	Danville	
	Candidates (W. N. Mebane)		29	Total.	
	J. C. Rankin				
	J. Paisley				
	B. M. Robson				
	E. Hines, W. C Sutton				
	J. Schoolfield Total 6.				

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		7						
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3		82	2	2	4	—	2.00	
		32		1	1		1.50	
2	4	40	1	3	4		3.00	
		95					2.00	
1	1	118	1	3	4	25 60	5 00	
		7					2.32	
1	2	68		1	1	32 00	5 00	
3	5	64	2	10	12	29	8 00	
						66		
						221 44		

Ministers	8	Licensed	two
Churches	29	L. Murray	
Communicants		N. N. McEwen	
Candidates	6.		
Licentiates	1	Dismissed	two.
Lost by death	two.	Licentiates	
Rev N. C. McElroy.		J. Nash & L. Murray.	
" N. B. Patterson.			
By removal	one.		
Rev N. P. Goodrich.	3.		
Gained	two:		
By ordination	J. Z. E.		
By Certificate	J. Paisley		

Milton April 23. 1838.

N. N. Harding Stated Clerk

Narrative of the state of religion.

The Presbytery of Orange report to the Gen. Assembly. that during the last year there have been but few additions to the churches. Attention to the means of grace is generally good; & the benevolent Efforts of the age are in some degree promoted.

Bible & Catechetical classes for the youth, & Sabbath Schools are generally attended.

There is however nothing like a spirit of revival within our bounds. The temperance cause is probably advancing, though slowly.

On the whole, while we feel that we have some grounds of incouragement; we have great cause for humiliation & self abasement; but our trust is in the Ld, the Mighty God of Jacob, that he will return & water the vine which he has planted by his own right hand.

N. N. Harding Stated Clerk.

Milton April 18. 1838.

Adjourned Meeting

Danville April 4. 1838.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. present Rev. N. H. Harding. Messrs Wilson. John A. Gracey moderator ministers & Mr Robert Ross (Elder)

(Wick) Constituted with prayer.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Sat April 28. 1.

Presbytery met present as above. opened with prayer. The Rev. Benjamin M. Smith presented a dimission from the West-Hanover Presbytery & requested to be received as a member of this Presbytery. Mr. Smith was then examined on theology & church Government. this examination being entirely satisfactory, he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

Danville April 1838.

Mr. Smith then informed Presbytery, that he had accepted the call (see page 96 & 97) from the church in Danville. Whereupon it was resolved, that Mr. Smith shd be installed tomorrow afternoon.

That Mr. Gretter shd preach the sermon & proside. Mr. Wilson give the charge to the minister & Mr. Harding, to the people.

Presbytery then had a recess to meet at the call of the moderator.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. Smith was installed according to the above resolution. After with Presbytery met at the call of the moderator & adjourned to meet in Greensboro on thursday before the 2d Sabbath in October next at 12 men see page 109. Concluded with prayer & the apostolic benediction.

N. H. Harding Stated Clerk.

Synod of North Carolina in Session at Third Creek Church, October 18th 1838.

Thus far reviewed and approved.

Stephen Frontis. — Moderator.

Minutes of the 13[7]th Sessions of the
Presbytery of Orange.
held at Greensboro'
October 1838.

Greensboro Oct. 11. 1838.
The day & hour for the meeting of Presbytery having come a quorum not having arrived the members present— Revs John A. Gretter & Alex Wilson adjourned till 7 P. M.

Greensboro: Oct. 11. 7 P. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon from the Mod. Rev. John A. Gretter. Text 1 Tim 4. 16.

Constituted with prayer. Present.

Rev. Wm Paisley John H. Pickeard. N. H. Harding Alexr Wilson & John A. Gretter ministers. with Wm R. D. Lindsay & Nicholas Lewis Elders. Extra.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Oct 12. 9 Morning.

Presbytery met according to adjournment present as above.

During the day the following member appeared & took their seats. Rev. Eli W. Caruthers Elisha Mitchell. Robt Burwell. George Jewel. Thomas Lynch A. D. Montgomery. E. B. Currie Samuel Paisley. Daniel G. Doak & J. Bird ministers. with S. D. Jourdan. from the X Roads Church. Wm Conner

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from Speedwell. John Paisley from Allemance John L. Lesueur from Spring Garden. Jos Sonick from Eno. Robt Wharton from Gum Grove & W. Paxton from Danville Jos Barlow Little River & Elijah Pickard fr Bethlehem. Elders. Present on the 10 day Rev. Elijah Graves.

Absent Rev James Phillips. J. J. Ely. & Benj. M. Smith.

The Rev John H. Pickeard was chosen moderator & Rev J. A. Gretter & W. R. D. Lindsay temporary clerks.

The minutes of the last stated meeting at Milton & of the adjourned meeting at Danville were read.

Mr Benj Hobson & Edward Hines were examined on the Latin & Greek languages, the Arts Sciences Philosophy natural & moral, according to Form of Gov. Chap. I. XIV. Section 4. Their examination was sustained.

Harding Caruthers Lewis & Lourdan were appointed a committee on the Minutes of the last Gen. Assembly Messrs. Burwell & Lesueur a committee on Supplies.

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Mr. S. Schoolfield was examined on subject assigned him at the last stated meeting (see page 107.) his examination was sustained.

A letter from Rev Wm H Foote, agt of the central board of Foreign Missions was read & refer'd to a committee consisting of Harding & John Paisley.

A letter from the trustees of Davidson College was read & refer'd to a committee consisting of E Mitchell. R Burwell. A D. Montgomery. J. Mebane Nicholas Lewis & G D. Jourdan

The church formed by direction of Presbytery at Wyoncyodle, was at their own request taken under the care of Presbytery, & Mr James Mebane an elder from that chh being present took his seat as a member of Presbytery. The committee on the minutes of the Assembly made a report which was accepted & made the order of the day for tomorrow at 9 A. M.

Rev. N. N. Harding one

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the commissioners to the last Gen. Assembly reported that he had attended all the meetings of that body according to the instructions Contained in his commission. It was resolved that his course in the assembly be approved & his report accepted. *

A petition from the Eno church was read & referred to a committee, consisting of R Burwell E. W Caruthers J L Leseuer & J. Mebane

Mr John Paisley read a Latin Exgesis, which was sustained. He also read a lecture on the 23 Psalm which was also sustained.

The Rev John Witherspoon D.D. L.L.D. of the Harmony Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr J Paisley was examined on chh. history & his examination was sustained.

Adjourned till tomorrow 9. A. M.

Closed with prayer.

* Note Mr R J Smith the other commissioner was not present.

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Saturday morning Oct. 13. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. present as yesterday with Rev. Elijah Graves. The Treasurer presented his report which was referred to G. Ferrel & I. W. Beyton to examine & report on the same. The order of the day - Page 126 report on the minutes of the Assembly was taken up. The yeas & nays being called for were taken & are as follows. On the first resolution,

ayes Rev. W. Paisley. E. B. Currie. I. Paisley Elijah Graves. Eli W. Carruthers. A. D. Mayberry. N. H. Harding. Alexr Wilson. R. Burwell. G. Ferrel. D. G. Doak. I. A. Gretter I. Lynch. ministers. W. R. D. Lindsay. N. Lewis. G. D. Jourdan W. Connor. I. Paisley. J. Smith. R. Wharton. Jos Barlow. I. W. Beyton Elijah Pickerd. Elders.

on the 1st resolution the vote was the same.

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On the third resolution there were no nays. but E. Mitchell. I. B. Bird & J. L. Lescure requested permission to record the following declarations (which was granted) viz

I acknowledge the Gen. Assembly of which Wm S. Plumer was moderator as the supreme judicatory of the Chh of which I am a member.

(Signed) E. Mitchell.

I regard my self a member of the Orange Presbytery - which acknowledges the Gen. Assembly of the Presbyterian Chh of which Wm S. Plumer was moderator as the true Assembly. (Signed) Thompson Bird.

I consider myself a member of the Presbyterian Chh - that I belong to the Presbytery of Orange recognising the Gen Assembly of which the Rev. Wm S. Plumer was moderator as the true G. A'bly of the Presbyterian Chh. in the U. S. & I am willing & desire to submit & be subject to the said Presbyteries.

(Signed) Jno L. Lescure.

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The resolutions alluded to above, (page 130) are as follows viz

1. Resolved that this Presbytery does cordially approve of the proceedings of the late assembly sustaining the acts of the assembly of 1837.

2. That we cordially approve of the three several acts of the assembly for the pacification & general reform of the chh.

3 Resolved, that this Presbytery does firmly adhere to the Presbyterian chh in the U.S. as represented by that assembly, which sat in the 7th presbyterian chh in the city of Philadelphia & of which the Rev Wm S Plumer was moderator

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The committee appointed to install the Rev A D Mtgomery at Carmel reported that they had performed that duty.

Rev T Bird & the Rev N H Harding from the several committees appointed to install the Rev A D Mtgomery at Harmony & Spring Hill reported that they had been prevented by circumstances from performing the duties assigned them — these reports were accepted. Harding & Smith were appointed a committee to install the Rev A D Mtgomery at Spring Hill on the first sabbath in December. Thos Lynch to be alternate to either or both.

Mr John Paisley was examined on theology. His examination was sustained.

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The committee on Mr Foster's letter recommended that the business of the letter be left to the action of the Synod. Rev Drury Lacy of the Roanoke Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The Committee on the petition of the ch'h of Eno made a report which was adopted & is as ~~follows~~ follows. (See paper No. 3 1838. Fall sessions.)

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The committee on Suspicion reported the following resolution which was adopted. viz. Resolved that the members of this Presbytery, be & hereby are directed to spend some time in missionary labours in destitute places, before the next stated meeting: & that the counties of Stokes & Rockingham should especially engage their attention. The Committee on the letter from the trustees of Davidson College made the following report which was adopted

1. Resolved tht the Stated Clerk be directed in reply to this communication to convey to the worthy ~~corr~~ trustees of Davidson College an assurance of the pleasure with which Presbytery do hear of the success which has attended their efforts to establish & sustain an institution where instruction in human learning & in the pure doctrines of the Bible are to be combined.

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2. But inasmuch as the Presbyteries of Orange & Roanoke are pledged by their former acts to the chhs under their care, to use prudent & reasonable endeavours to foster & maintain the Caldwell Institute — as by far the larger part of the moneys subscribed for the endowment of the same, have not yet been paid in, & by embarking in the new enterprize, which is proposed to us ~~we~~ we should jeopardize the best interests, if not the existence of this excellent institution — & as it is believed that any effort that might be made at this time to raise money for the benefit of Davidson College would be unavailing, & a promise of co-operation serve only to delude the trustees of said College with expectations that never would be realized

Therefore Resolved. That the Presbytery of Orange do respectfully decline the proposals made to them by the Trustees of Davidson College. (Signed) E. Mitchell. Robt Burwell. James Mebane. G. D. Jourdan. A. D. Mcgomery.

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The Rev J. Lynch requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation he existing between him & the Greer's chh. — whereupon it was resolved that the congregation of Greer's chh be cited to appear before the Presbytery (by their commissioners) at the Hawfields on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath of November next to show cause, if any they have, why, ~~why~~ the Presbytery shd not grant the request of Mr Lynch.

Mr Lynch was directed to notify the said congregation of this resolution.

The Standing Committee on Education reported that they had under their care three candidates. — that they had made no appropriations since their last report & that $30 only remains on the treasury. This report was accepted.

Greensboro Oct. 1838.

Presbytery resolved to continue the support of the widow of John Chavis

N. H. Harding & John L. Lasseuer were elected trustees of the Caldwell Institute for three years & R. Burwell & George Williamson for two years.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted. Viz. Resolved. That while this Presbytery will cordially unite in requesting the Synod to reunite the presbyteries of Orange & Roanoke. we will firmly & respectfully request the said Synod (in case such re-union shd. not take place) to make no alteration in our present boundaries

Resolved that the next Stated meeting be held in Hillsboro. on wednesday before the 4th sabbath. in April. 1839 at 7 P. M.

Greensboro Oct. 1838.

Resolved that the Presbytery will hear Mr. John Paisley preach his trial Sermon at half past six. this evening. at the chh. Mr Paisley preached his trial sermon according to the above resolution & it was sustained the having past through all his trials preparatory for licensure, & the Presbytery having approved of the same. He was licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry. according to the Form of Government Chap. t. XIV. Section VIII.

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It was unanimously resolved that the ministers & elders be requested to ascertain how much can be raised annually on the several chhs under their care for foreign missions.

Mr. Schoolfield was requested to prepare for examination, at the next meeting, on the fourth book of the Georgics & on the 1st & 2d books of Virgil & from the 1st to the 10th chapt. of the acts of the apostles.

Adjourned to meet at Synod at the call of the moderator.

Concluded with prayer

N. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

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Oct 1838.

The Presbytery of Orange consist. of 19 ministers They have under their care 30 chhs. 2 Licentiates & 5 Candidates. They have ordained J. J. Ely. & Licensed Wm. N. Mebane & John Paisley. — received Rev. Samuel Paisley from Concord Presbytery & dismissed [redacted] Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich to West Hanover Presbytery — received the Rev. Benj. M. Smith from the same Presbytery & installed him pastor of the chh in Danville. — dismissed Samuel Murry & F. Nash jun, licentiates, to the care of the Morganton Presbytery. & they have also installed Rev. A D Montgomery pastor of the Covend. Church.

By order of the Presbytery

N. H. Harding Stated Clerk.

Third Creek Church Oct 1838.

Presbytery met at the call of the Stated Clerk the moderator not being present. Rev. A. Wilson in the chair. Present. J. Paisley. A. Wilson. J. Lynch. J. Bird. A. D. Montgomery. R. Burwell. N. H. Harding & B. M. Smith (ministers) J. W. Paxton & J. Donald Elders. Opened with prayer. Rev Samuel Paisley was at his own request, dismissed (in good standing) to join the Fayetteville Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at the Hawfields Chh. Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in November 1838.

Concluded with prayer.

N. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

Hawfields. Nov. 10. 1838.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present. Rev. William Paisley. E. B. Currie. J. H. Pickard. Thomas Lynch. George Ferrell. Daniel G. Doak. ministers. Samuel Kerr. James Clark. Joseph. A. McLain Elders. Constituted by prayer by the moderator J. H. Pickard. The Presbytery being satisfied on good & sufficient evidence, that the Church at Greers had not been notified of the object & design of this meeting (see page 137.) adjourned to meet at Fairfield on the 8th of December 1838.

Concluded with prayer.

N. H. Harding. S. Clerk.

Fairfield. December 8. 1838.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. (See page 141) Present. I. H. Pickard E. B. Currie. Thos Lynch. Robt Burwell. D. G. Doak. ministers. Joseph Smith. I. L. Woods. Wm Gatlis. Currie Elders. Opened with prayer.

Mr. Lynch informed Presbytery that he had failed to give notice to the Griers Congregation. (See page 137) through circumstances over which he had no Control. Whereupon the following preamble & resolution was adopted viz. Whereas, the Church & Congregation at Griers, has not been notified in form & therefore has failed to appear by their commissioners duly appointed, But whereas it appears to the Satisfaction of this Presbytery that the said chh. has

knowledge of the facts in the case & through one of their Elders have expressed a wish that the matter be issued at this meeting of Presbytery. Therefore

Resolved that the request of the Rev. Thos Lynch be granted & his pastoral relation to the church at Griers is hereby dissolved. Mr. Lynch was directed to inform the Griers Church of this resolution.

Adjourned to meet in Hillsboro on the wednesday before the fourth sabbath in April. at 7 O'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

N. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

Minutes
of the
138th Sessions of the
Presbytery of Orange
held at Hillsboro'
April
1839.

Hillsboro' April 24. 1839.
Presbytery met according to adjournment.
I was opened with a sermon (at the request of
the moderator) by Rev. Wm. McPheeters D.D.
from 2 Tim. 1. 18. Constituted with prayer
by the moderator.

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Present Rev E. B. Currie John H Pickard
Eli W Caruthers A D Montgomery Thos Lynch
N H Harding Alex Wilson Robt Burwell
George Ferrell Daniel G Doak (Elisha Mitchell D.D.
& J Birch 2 day) Ministers.
Samuel Kerr Robt Donnell Allen Petty
F Nash M S Huntington Robt Ross R V Watkins
James Riley Samuel Turrentine Wm Currie
S Clerk & Elijah Pickard (2 day) Elders
Absent Rev Wm Paisley E Graves James Phillips
John A Gretter & B M Smith & S T Ely.
Adjourned till tomorrow 9 A.M.
Concluded with Prayer

Hillsboro April 1839

Thursday 25 1839.

Presbytery met according to adjournment present as above. Opened with prayer.

Rev Daniel G Doak was chosen moderator & Thos Lynch & M S Huntington Temp. Clerks. Letters from Rev B. M. Smith & S T Ely were read. Rev Jesse Rankin presented a dismission from Concord Presbytery he was examined & received as a member of this Presbytery. The minutes of the last stated meeting & intermediate meetings were read. Rev Wm M Pheeters D.D. of the Roanoke Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

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E. W. Caruthers & S. Riley were appointed a committee to review the Sessional Records of Rawfield, Red House, Ena & Little River Thos Lynch & J. Reese _____ Buffalo Alemance Bethany Speedwell & Spring Garden & Rankin & Jurrentine _____ Bethesda Stoney Creek Bethlehem New Hope & Bethel. G. Ferrell & J. Nash _____ Chapel Hill Hillsboro Greensboro Harmony & Milton R. Burwell & R. Donnell _____ Lexington Danville Griers Spring Hill, & High Rock

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N. H. Harding E. W. Caruthers J. Nash & R. Donnel were appointed a committee on the state of the Church.

Two letters from Rev Colin Mc Iver, Stated Clerk & Treasr of Synod, addressed to this Presbytery, through the Stated Clerk & Treasr, were read & after some discussion the Treasr of Presbytery was directed to pay the said Colin Mc Iver the sum of $32.40 assessed on this Presbytery by the Rev Synod of No. Carolina in favour of the said Mc Iver A. D. Montgomery, A. Wilson R. Burwell Robt Ross R. J. Smith & N. H. Lewis were nominated as commissioners to the G. Assembly.

Hillsboro April 1839.

A letter from Rev. J. Mc Farland was read & referred to the standing Committee on Education to be answered.

The chh. known by the name of Bethany was directed to be enrolled by the name of Gilead Mr. John C. Rankin, a candidate (see page 149) read a latin Exegesis (see page 100) a critical Exercise & a Lecture on subject assigned (see page 100) all of which were sustained as parts of trial.

Conference on the question previously appointed (page 102) was made the order of the day for tomorrow 9 A.M. & the free Conversation on the State of religion the order for tomorrow 3 P.M. A. Wilson & R. Ross were appointed a committee to take note & prepare a narrative of the State of religion in our bounds.

Hillsboro April 1839.

The committee appointed to install A.D. Mcgomery at Spring Hill (see page 133) reported, that they had been prevented in the discharge of that duty, by the prevalence of the small pox in the congregation of S Hill.

J.C. Rankin was examined on theology & his examination was sustained.

Adjourned till tomorrow 9 A.M. Concluded with prayer.

Hillsboro April 1839.

April 26th

Presbytery met according to adjournment opened with prayer Present as above. except E. Mitchell.

Mr David Dickey was received as a Candidate under the care of this Pres. by dismission from the Morganton Presbytery, was given him for a critical exercise.*

J. C Rankin was examined on Church History. Chh Government, the Sacraments & the Hebrew language, all of which were sustained. Resolved that he deliver his trial sermon to night in the Chh.

* Mr Dickey had been examined by the Morganton presbytery, on the Latin & Greek Languages. Geometry Nat Philos. & why he had also Exhibits a Latin Exegesis. all of who had been sustained. See certificate on file. marked Dickey

Hillsboro April 1839.

Rev George Ferrell was at his own request dismissed to join the Roanoke Presbytery.

The assessment on two Chh for the Commissioners fund was changed from $5 to $3 Bethlehem from $2 to $1.

The Yanceyville Chh was assess'd $6 & Gilead $2.

The several Committees on session books reported. Their reports were accepted. Mr. W. C Sutton was examined on the Latin & Greek languages & his examination was sustained. The Treas'r Report was received & refer'd to R. Burwell & R. Watkins to audit & report.

Rev. Benj M Smith appeared in Presbytery.

Hillsboro April 1839.

N H Harding & D. G. Doak were appointed a committee to install A D. Mcgomery pastor of the Spring Hill Church on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in June.

Rev I Bird informed Presbytery that he was about to travel beyond our bounds, & requested a certificate of his standing, from the hands of the Stated Clerk. His request was granted

A Wilson & Robt Ross were chosen commissioners to the General Assembly. R Burwell & N M Lewis alternates

The Rev

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The Stated Clerk was directed to make out a list of those chh. who have neglected at this time to send up their Sessional records.

It was resolved, that the next stated meeting of Presbytery, be held in Danville on Wednesday, before the 4th Sabbath in September at 7. P. M.

Rev A D. Mcgomery returned to Presbytery the call from the Harmony chh. which he had previously accepted sine fraga. & requested permission to decline the same. His request was granted, & the chh. had leave to withdraw their call.

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J. C. Rankin preached his trial Sermon (according to resolution page 152) who was sustained; & he having passed through all his trials according to the ~~book of discipline~~ Form of Government Chapt. XIV. & the Presbytery being well satisfied with his experimental acquaintance with religion; & as to his proficiency in ~~religion~~ divinity & other studies & having expressed their approbation of the same; & he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Ch. & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, thereby do license him, the said John C. Rankin to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

Hillsboro April 1839.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 A. M.
Concluded with prayer.

April 27th 1839

Presbytery met according to adjournment.
Opened with prayer. Present as above.
Rev. W. H. Foot of Winchester Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts made a report which was accepted. The account approved.

Hillsboro' April. 1839.

The Committee on the State of the church (pa. 149) reported the following resolutions which were adopted with only one nay.

I. Resolved. tht the late decision of a civil court, pronounced against our chh in Philadelphia, while it has been use to see more clearly the errors of the part, in conceding to aliens the rights of citizenship in our Zion, does not in the slightest degree shake our confidence in the rectitude of our cause, or our determination to maintain to the full extent of our ability, the measures of reform so happily begun by the Assembly of 1837 & sustained by tht of 1838.

Hillsboro' April 1839.

II Tht. while, as good citizens, we shall submit to the final decision of the civil courts, in all things pertaining to property, & while in the discharge of our duty, in maintaining the doctrine order & discipline of our church, we shall take joyfully the spoiling of our goods; we can never recognize that body, in whose favour the verdict has been given, as the Gen Assembly of the Presbyterian church.

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III That the decision of a court or jury, while it may take from our beloved chh the property, with which the piety & liberality of her children have endowed her institutions, cannot force again into her communion, those who have for so many years disturbed her peace & corrupted her doctrines — nor deprive her of any members who love her for her own sake.

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IV That as every christian chh has a full & perfect right to carry out the legitimate action of its own system by correcting errors & reforming abuses, without the interference of the State - therefore the late singular decision, viewed in its true character & natural results, if sustained by the superiour tribunal before which the cause is now undergoing revision, furnishes to every christian denomination in this country — just grounds of alarm.

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V. Tht in the opinion of this Presbytery much injury has been done to the cause of religion by the lawsuit in whe our chh has been involved, & that a fearful amount of responsibility has been somewhere incurred — whether this responsibility rests on those who have drawn the chh before the civil tribunals, or on those who have endeavoured to save her from spoliation. God will judge. & to him we cheerfully confide our cause.

Hillsboro' April 1839.

Rev J Bird had leave of absence.

The report of the trustees of the Caldwell institute was read, accepted & ordered to be filed. See No 10

It was resolved ~~& [illegible]~~ tht Presbytery unite in solemn prayer to God in behalf of the Caldwell Institute. A D Harding was requested to lead in this exercise. It was resolved to hold an adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Greensboro' on the wednesday before the 3 Sabbath in July for the purpose of ordaining John C Rankin as a foreign missionary; & that Matt. 6 10 be assigned as the subject of his sermon. & tht Rev Wm Paisley preside. A D Harding preach the sermon. Jesse Rankin give the charge — J. A. Grier & E W Caruthers alternate to Either Paisley Harding or Rankin

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Mr John Paisley a licentiate was at his own request dismissed to put himself under the care of the Morganton Presbytery

The treasurer was directed to pay over to Wm McPheeters D.D. agt of the Assembly's board of Domestic Missions, the money in his hand, which belongs to the Domestic Missionary fund.

Standing rule.

The following resolution was adopted as a standing rule of Presbytery Viz. That the treasurer report to presbytery at the Stated meeting in the fall, the churches which fail to pay their assessments to the Commissioners fund in the Spring.

N. H. Harding Stated Clerk.

Hillsboro April 1839

Presbytery having finished the business of the sessions Adjourned to meet at Greensboro on wednesday before the 3d Sab in July Concluded with prayer & the apostolic benediction.

N. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

Annual Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the Gen. Assembly. April 1839.

	Ministers & Licentiates.			Churches.		Communicants in	Communicants on	Total	Baptisms Adults	Baptisms Infants	Domestic Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Theol. Seminary	Tract. & Sch.	Contingents	Collections
1	Rev. Wm. Paisley.	SS.	1	Bethel.	SS	4		77		10							5 00
			2	Greensboro.	SS.	1	4	51		7	9 00	79 43	62 00				6 00
2	E. B. Currie.	P.	3	Hawfields.	P.	10		162	6	8	12 25						7 00
			4	X Roads.	P.	4	2	129	1	3							7 00
3	John C. Pickens.	SS.	5	Bethesda.	SS.	1		72	1	3							
			6	Stoney Creek.	SS.			75									
			7	High Rock.	SS			7									
4	Elijah Graves. MG		8	Bethlehem.	V.	1		17									
5	Elisha Mitchell DD	Pres	9	Speedwell.	V.			82									
6	Eli W. Caruthers.	P.	10	Buffalo.	P.	3		119		6							5 00
			11	Alleriance.	P.			120									
7	A. L. Magemen.	P.	12	Carmel.	P.	3		35									2 00
			13	Spring Hill.	P.			9		4							2
			14	Hermony.	V			17									
8	W. H. Harding	SS	15	Milton.	S.S.		1	38		3	25 00	30 00	200 00	215 00	20 00		6 00
			16	Yancyville.	SS.		14	14									
			17	Giliad.	S.S.	2		14									2 00

Report Continued.

Ministers & Licentiates.			Churches.		Communicants. On Roll	On Roll	Total	Baptisms Adults	Baptisms Infants	Missions Domestic	Missions Foreign	Education	Theol Sem	Tract & S.S.	Common Purposes	Contingents
9.	Thos Lynch	P	18. Fairfield	P			36									
			19. Eno	SS			86									
10.	George Pierce	SS	20 Rock House	V			35									
11.	A Wilson DD	Prof													5 00	
12.	J A Gretter	Org	21 Gum Grove	SS			32									
13.	Robt Burwell	P	22 Hillsboro	P			48		3	65 86	76 00	71 85			10 00	
14.	J Bird	SS	23 Spring Garden	SS		1	40								3 00	
15.	Jas Phillips	Org	24 New Hope	SS	4	7	94	3	4	4 85	7 00				3 50	
16.	D G Doak	SS	25 Little River	SS	1	7	128	1	5						6 00	
17.	Benj M Smith	P	26 Danville	P	1	2	67	1	6	44 25	46 25	50 00	4 00	53 87	8 00	
18.	J J Ely	MC	27 Chapel Rice	V			10									
19.	Jesse Rankin	SS	28 Lexington	SS	1		69	1	14						5 00	
			29 Griers	V			45									
	Licentiates		30 Sandy Ridge	SS			7									
1.	W. M Melborne				33	28	1735	14	79	241 21	238 86	383 85	219 00	73 87	90 00	14 00
2.	John Paisley															
3	J C Rankin															

Greensboro July. 17 1839

Presbytery met according to adjournment
Opened with prayer Present Rev Wm Paisley.
E. W Caruthers. Jesse Rankin. A Wilson
J. A Gretter & N. H. Harding. It was resolved
that Mr John C Rankin shd. preach his trial
Sermon to night, & if his examination should be
sustained, tht he should be ordained tomorrow
after Sermon. Adjourned till tomorrow 9 A.M.
Concluded with prayer

July 18. Presbytery met according to
adjournment, present as yesterday. Opened with
prayer. Mr. Rankin was examined on his motives
for desiring the office of the ministry & his reasons
for thinking himself called to the foreign Mission
field, — the Sacraments & Church government
these, with his Sermon preached last night
were sustained as parts of trial.

Greensboro July. 1839.

At Eleven A.M. N. H. Harding preached the
ordaining Sermon, as appointed see page 163
after which Mr John C Rankin was ordained
to the work of the ministry by prayer & the
laying on of the hands of the Presbytery.

Rev Wm Paisley presided & put the constitutional
questions & Jesse Rankin gave the charge after
which the newly ordained member took his seat
in presbytery.

The following resolution was adopted
viz. Resolved, tht the Rev J. C. Rankin be required,
after his arrival in India, to communicate by letter
with this Presbytery, at least once a year
Adjourned to meet at Danville Sept 18. 1839.
Concluded with prayer

N. H. Harding
J. Clerk.

Minutes of the 139th Sessions of the Presbytery of Orange held at Danville. Sept 1839.

Danville Sept. 18 7 P.M. 1839 Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. A. H. Harding (at the request of the brethren present the moderator being absent) from Rom. V. 1. Constituted with prayer Rev. Thos Lynch was called to the chair. Tho a moderator should be chosen.

Present Rev. E. B. Currie. A. D. Montgomery.
A. Wilson D.D. N. H. Harding. Thos. Lynch.
B. M. Smith. Elders. Samuel Tate
John Paisley. Warner M. Lewis. James Garland
Thomas Wilkinson. Absent Rev. W. Paisley
E. W. Caruthers. Robt. Burwell. E. Mitchell.
J. H. Rickard. E. Grayes. James Phillips.
J. Bird. D. G. Doak. J. H. Gretter. J. J. Ely
Jesse Rankin. J. C. Rankin.
Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning
at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

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Presbytery met according to adjournment
opened with prayer present as above.
Rev. A. Wilson D.D. was chosen moderator.
& Rev A. D. Montgomery ~~temporary Clerk~~
& W. M. Lewis temporary Clerks.

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Committees on Minutes of the General Assembly. N. H. Harding. Thos Lynch
Samuel Tate & T. Wilkinson. Suppliers
A. D. Montgomery J. Paisley.

A Letter from the Rev. W. A. McDowell D.D. Cor. Sec. of the Board of Missions was read & referred to the Standing Committee of missions to prepare & report an answer.

The Rev. Thos R. Owen, of the Fayetteville Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion, the religious exercises & Conference on the question "What are the best means to produce & keep alive in our churches the missionary Spirit" was made the order of the day for tomorrow 3 P.M.

Rev. Thos Lynch was appointed to attend to the business of the treasurer, he being absent.

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The standing rule, requiring the commissioners to the G. Assembly to report in writing was rescinded.

The following subjects were assigned to Mr Robison as parts of trial. Viz. Latin Exegesis. "Justitia qua coram Deo subsistimus. Est justitia Christi Mediatoris."

Critical Exercise. Second Psalm. Lecture 116. Ps.

Sermon. Rom VIII. 1.

The following were assigned to Mr Hines. viz.

Latin Exegesis. An sit precatium. precatio poena.

Critical Exercise. Matt. XVI. 18. Lecture. Matt. V. 1–9.

Sermon. John XIV. 6.

A. Wilson. & John Paisley were appointed a committee to converse with our Candidates on experimental religion.

A letter from Rev. S. C. Rankin was read & referred to the Ex. (standing) Committee of Missions.

Rev. D. G. Doak appeared in Presbytery.

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The Commissioners to the G. Assembly reported. Their report was accepted

D. G. Doak & J. P. Rainey were appointed a committee to assess among the chhs. our portion of the expense of the law suit & to collect the same.

E. B. Currie. B. M. Smith. Jas. Mebane & W. M. Lewis were appointed a committee on so much of the minutes of the G. Assembly as relates to Stated Supplies & pastors.

Mr W. N. Mebane having applied to Presbytery to be ordained as an Evangelist, he was examined on Experimental religion, his reasons for seeking the office of the ministry, on Theology. Chh. history & Chh. government, all of which were sustained as parts of trial.

He was then directed to prepare a Sermon on Gal III 13 & preach the same on Saturday morning.

After some discussion Presbytery resolved to ordain

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Mr Mebane on Sabbath evening as an evangelist That D. G Doak preach the sermon. Tht the Moderater preside propose the constitutional questions & give the charge.

Adjourned till tomorrow 9 A M Concluded with prayer.

Sept 20th 9 A M. Presbytery met according to adjournment opened with prayer.

D. G Doak from the committee on assessments (page 178) made the following report which was accepted. Viz. Tht the chh. be assessed in the following ratio. Danville, Greensboro, Milton & Hillsboro' $5 each. Allmance, Buffalo, Cross Roads, Hawfields, & Lexington $4. Little River, Eno, Fairfield, Red House, Harmony, Carmel, Spring Hill, Spring Garden, Speedwell, Bethel & Yanceville $2. New Hope, Bethlehem, Stony Creek, Bethesda, Grier, High Rock, & Gum Grove. $1 ea. Rev J. H. Pickard appeared in Presbytery

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B. M. Smith from the Committee on so much of the minutes of the G. Assembly as relate to pastors & S. Supplies reported the following resolutions which were adopted. Viz. Resolved 1. That each chh. now employing a S.S. be thereby is required, to report by its delegate to the next meeting of Presbytery, the reason why such chh. has not a pastor.

II. That each minister now labouring as S.S. & each minister without charge be also required to present to Presbytery their reasons for not sustaining the pastoral office.

III. Tht as the period of the year [illegible] for renewing the Ecclesiastical relation here contemplated, is now approaching, every chh. & minister now sustaining it, be Earnestly Enjoined to terminate such relation, by entering on that contemplated by the Establishment of the pastoral office

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IV. That these resolutions be read to the people of every Chh. in the bounds of this Presbytery without a pastor, on or before the first Sabbath of January next & again on some Sabbath in the month of March & that the resolutions be published forthwith in the Watchman of the south, & republished in the same paper during the month of March next, & that the Stated Clerk of Presbytery be charged with the execution of the latter part of this resolution.

(See paper No. 4 on file.)

N. H. Harding from the Standing Com. on Miss's to whom was referred the letter from the Cor. Sec.y of the board of missions presented reported an answer to the same which accepted & adopted & ordered to be forwarded.

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Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day. Conference & religious Exercises. See page 177

The Stated Clerk was directed to transmit the following resolution to the Presbytery of Roanoke. Namely. Resolved that this Presbytery do, thereby does, most cordially & affectionately invite the Rev. Presbytery of Roanoke to join with us in requesting the Rev. Synod of N. Carolina to remit the said Presbytery of Roanoke to the Presbytery of Orange.

Resolved that the next Stated meeting, be held in Milton on wednesday 15 of April 1840 at 7 P. M.

Adjourned till tomorrow 9. A. M. Concluded with prayer.

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Sept. 21. Presbytery met according to adjournment opened with prayer present as yesterday.

The Stated Clerk presented the report for Synod which was adopted.

On motion it was resolved that the following be the subject for conference at the Spring meeting of Presbytery. Namely. "The best means for securing the punctual attendance of bishops & elders on the meetings of Presbytery"

Standing Rule.

The Com. on the Minutes of the G. Assembly reported the following resolutions which were adopted. 1. Resolved. tht it be a standing rule of this Presbytery. tht inquiry be made at every Stated meeting, whether the third article in the Directory for Worship is observed by all our ministers.

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11. Resolved tht we earnestly recommend to all our our ministers & Chhs. to observe the Semi Centenary Celebration as appointed & recommended by the G. Assembly.

On motion Resolved, Tht Presbytery will this evening, at early candle light, engage in religious exercise with reference to the Centenary Celebration, to which the G. Assembly has invited the Chhs; & tht Rev. E. B. Currie be requested to present a succinct history of the progress of the Presbyterian Chh. in the bounds of the Orange Presbytery; & tht the moderator with D. G. Doak & N. H. Harding be requested to take such part in the exercises, as to them may seem proper.

Note. This meeting was held, & a collection taken up for the Board of Publication

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D. G Doak & R. U. Watkins were appointed a committee to draught a resolution expressive of the views of this Presbytery on the subject of our church members attending & giving countenance to parties for dancing.

Rev Thos Lynch reported that he have collected from the following persons the several sums due from them to the contingent funds of Presbytery & Synod & the Stated Clerk of Synod. Namely.

Note. The above report was not put into the hands of the Stated Clerk.

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Resolved that Presbytery will meet at Lynch at the call of the moderator.

The Committee on Supplies made the following report which was adopted. Namely. Rev D. G Doak to ~~preach~~ to preach one Sabbath at Harmony. R. Burwell one at the Red House. A. Wilson two at Green Grove. E. W. Carruthers two at Speedwell. W. Beasley one at Do. J. H. Gretter two at G. Grove. B. M. Smith one at Cascade. Thos Lynch one at Bethlehem. Other brethren are requested to spend so much time as they can spare from their engagements in missionary labour.

The Committee to draught a resolution (see page 185.) reported the following resolution which was unanimously adopted. Resolved, that in the opinion of this Presbytery it is incompatable with christian character & growth in grace for a member of any chh under its care to hold at his or her house, or in any way countenance parties for dancing & that any be guilty of such violation of Christian deportment, they must expect to be dealt with according to discipline of the Presbyterian Church.

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Adjourned till tomorrow 4 P.M. Closed with prayer.

Sept 22. Presbytery met according to adjournment (opened with prayer) & proceeded to ordain Mr. W. N. Mebane (see page 178 & 179) Rev. D. G. Doak preached the sermon; the moderator, Rev. A. Wilson D.D. presided & put the constitutional questions & Mr. Mebane having given his solemn assent to them he was ordained with prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, after which a charge was given him by the moderator. Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow 9 A.M. Closed with prayer.

Sept. 23. Presbytery met according to adjournment the minutes were read & corrected. Presbytery

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adjourned to meet at Synod at the Call of the moderator. Closed with prayer & the benediction.

N. H. Harding Stated Clerk.

Annual Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the Synod of N. Carolina. Sept. 1839.

The Presbytery of Orange Report to the Synod of N.C. that they Consist of 20 ministers, have under their care 30 Chhs. & five Candidates. Since their last report they have licensed & ordained Rev. John C. Rankin, as a foreign missionary of the G. Assembly's B. of F.M.S. They have ordained Rev. William M. Mebane as an Evangelist. They have installed the Rev. A.D. Montgomery pastor of the Spring Hill Chh. They have dismissed the Rev. George Fenwick to the Roanoke Presbytery & the Rev. Samuel Paisley to the Presbytery of Fayetteville & they have received the Rev. Isaac Rankin from the Concord Presbytery.

By order of the Presbytery.

N. H. Harding.

Stated Clerk.

Synod of North Carolina in Session at Lincolnton October 12th 1839. Examined & approved Thos Lacy Moderator.

Danl. A. Penick "

Note. The Synod of North-Carolina, at their sessions in Lincolnton Oct. 1839. did, on the joint request of the Presbyteries of Orange & Roanoke, dissolve the Presbytery of Roanoke & annexed the ministers, Churches & Licentiates of said Presbytery, to the Presbytery of Orange.

By this act of the Synod, the following ministers & Churches were annexed to the Presbytery of Orange. Namely. Ministers. Rev. Wm. M. Sheeter D.D. Samuel L. Graham D.D. Sidney Weller, Drury Lacy, Samuel K. Smith, Daniel Stratton, John C. Thompson & Thomas R. Owen.

Churches. Grassy Creek. Nutbush. Raleigh. Oxford.
Newbern. Washington. Providence. Spring Grove.
Murfreesborough. Warrenton. Louisburgh. Clarksville
& Shiloh. 12

Lincolnton Oct. 12th 1839.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, at the call of the Stated Clerk. (the Moderator being absent) The Rev. Daniel G. Doak was called to preside, he being the last moderator present. Opened with prayer. Present. Rev. Thos. Lynch. Jesse Rankin. N. H. Harding. John A. Gretter. B. M. Smith. John C. Thompson. D. G. Doak. & W. S. Mebane. Ministers. with Henry R. Dusenbury Elder. Resolved that Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Grassy Creek. on the Saturday before the second Sabbath in November next. for the purpose of receiving & ordaining Mr. J. J. P. Anderson & to install him pastor of the united Chh. of Grassy Creek & Oxford

Lincolnton Oct 1839.

The Rev. D. Lacy D. Stratton & J. C. Thompson were appointed a committee to install the Rev. Thos R. Owen pastor of the Church in Washington on Friday before the third Sabbath in December. Mr Stratton to preach the sermon. Mr Lacy to give the charge to the pastor & Mr Thompson to to the people

Adjourned to meet at Greensboro on wednesday 16th instant at 7 P. M. Concluded with prayer

Greensboro Oct 1839.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Present Rev W. Paisley. A. Wilson. B. M. Smith. J. J. Gretter & N. H. Harding ministers with Francis Mebane & J. C. Lindsley Elders.

The Rev George D. McCuean presented to presbytery a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Philadelphia whereupon he was examined. approved & received as a member of this Presbytery.

Resolved That Mr. N. C. Sutton, a Candidate under our care be permitted to pursue his studies at the Theological Seminary at Columbia S. Carolina & that the Stated Clerk furnish him with the necessary certificate of his standing.

Adjourned to meet at Grassy Creek on the ninth (9) of November. Concluded with prayer.

N. H. Harding. S. C.

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Grassy Creek. Nov. 9. 1839.

Presbytery met according to adjournment present Revs. S. H. Smith. G. W. Ferrell. George W. McQueen. & J. C. Thompson. ministers with James Daniel. Joseph Amis. Thomas Miller & James B. Daniel Elders. Constituted with prayer by Rev. S. H. Smith the oldest minister present. who was also appointed moderator. & J. C. Thompson chosen temporary clerk.

The Rev. S. S. Kollock of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr. Samuel J. Pearce Anderson a licentiate from the West Hanover Presbytery presented a dismission from said presbytery, to put himself under the care of this presbytery.

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whereupon it was resolved that mr. Anderson be received & taken under the care of this Presbytery. According to previous resolution see page 193 Presbytery proceeded to examin mr Anderson with a view to his ordination. He was examined on experimental religion. Philosophy. Theology. Church History & Ch. government. the Greek & Hebrew languages. Presbytery also heard a Sermon from mr. Anderson from Acts 17. 28. all of which were sustained as part of trial.

Calls from the churches of Grassy Creek & Oxford for the pastoral services of mr. Anderson where laid before Presbytery, & being found in order were put into the hands of mr Anderson the signifying his acceptance of the same. the Presbytery (having fully obtained of his examination) proceeded to ordain him

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& install him pastor of Grassy Creek Church.
Rev G. W. Ferrell preached the sermon. from
Matt 28 ch 20. Rev L. H. Smith presided &
performed the constitutional questions to the
candidate & to the congregation & then by prayer
& with the laying on of the hands of the
presbytery, the said Samuel J. P. Anderson
was solemnly ordained to the holy office
of the gospel ministry. after which the presiding
minister gave a solemn charge, in the name
of God, to the newly ordained bishop & the
Rev L. C. Thompson elic the same to the
people.

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Rev George W. McCreary & G. W. Ferrell were
appointed a committee to install the Rev
J. J. P. Anderson pastor of the Oxford church on
the 20th inst.

Adjourned to meet at Milton on
wednesday 15 of April 1840 at 7 P. M.
Concluded with prayer

N. H. Harding
Statis Clerk.

Minutes
of the 14th Session of the Presbytery
of
Orange held at Milton
April 1840

Milton April 15 1840
Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by Rev Alex Wilson D.D
from Amos 4 12 Constituted with prayer
President Rev E B Currie Wm McPheeters D.D
J H Pickard S L Graham D.D & W Carruthers
A D Montgomery Thos Lynch A H Harding
Alex Wilson D.D Drury Lacy Robt Burwell
D G Dack John A Gretter I I Ely Benj M
Smith George D McQueen John C Thompson
Wm N Mebane J C Rankin Jesse Rankin
I I P Anderson Bishops with ——

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John A Rainey R. Donnell John Bullock.
John L. Woods Elijah Pickard. O. Long.
Hugh Mc Addon Nicholas M. Lewis.
John Lesueur A.C. Reed John Wilkinson.
John Mc Alister George Williamson.
S. G Lindsley John R. Fawcett Wm. Baird
& Wm Gaddis. Ruling Elders.

Absent.

~~Rev~~ Rev W. Cairns Elijah Graves E. Mitchell D.D.
Sidney Weller S. H. Irwin. George Ferrell.
James Shelleigh J. Bird. Daniel Stratton &
J. R. Owen.

P.T.O. Robt Burwell was chosen
Moderator. & Gratton & Lacy temporary
clerks. Minutes of the last stated &
intermediate meetings were read.

Adjourned till tomorrow 9. A. M.
Concluded with prayer.

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Presbytery met according to adjournment opened with prayer present as above. The Rev D Stratton presented through ~~him~~ his excuse for being absent from the present session of Presbytery.

The ministers who were absent from the last stated meeting gave their reasons for being absent.

The following Committees were appointed. On the Session Books. viz J. Pickard. 2 R. A. Rainey. On Grassy Creek. Dunfries. Enon & Buffalo. Dr Graham. 2 Dr Long. On Muddy Fork Spencer Gum Grove & Little River.

A. D. Montgomery & J. L. Woods. On the Red House Allemance Bethesda & Stony Creek.

Thos Lynch & S. C. Reid. On Greens. Bethlehem Cross Roads New Hope & Bethel.

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A. Wilson & J. Lescure on Chapel Hill
Raleigh. Hillsboro. Newbern & Oxford.
D. G. Doak & N. Gaddis on Spring Grove
Washington. Providence & Greensboro.
J. F. Ely & J. Bullock on Rockingham.
Harmony. Milton & Danville.
J. C. Thompson & P. Donnell on Lexington
Carmel & Spring Garden
W. P. Mebane & E. Pickens on Shiloh
Warrenton. Lewisburgh & Charlotteville.
B. M. Smith & H. McAden on High Rock
Fairfield Spring Hill & Yanceyville.

D. G. Doak McPheeters Long & J. L. Wood.
were appointed a committee on supplies.

Smith. Wilson. Long & Lescure were appointed
a committee on propositions.

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N. H. Harding tendered his resignation as
Stated Clerk. which was not accepted.
The Committee on Missions reported.
Rev A. L. Watts of Morganton Presbytery. being
present, was invited to act as a Corresponding
member.

The Standing Rule requiring all
committees to be composed of an equal number
of Elders & Bishops. was repealed.

The Committee on Session Books, were instructed
to attend particularly to the Standing Order
of Presbytery, requiring the ministers receipt
for his annual Salary, to be entered on every
Session Book.

W. M. Lewis the alternate of N. M. Lewis the
delegate from the Milton Church, appeared in
Presbytery.

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Rev W. McPheeters D.D. A.D. Montgomery
J.C. Rankin & Thos Lynch Bishops with
A. McLewis A.C. Reid William Rankin &
R.J. Smith ruling Elders were nominated as
Commissioners to the General Assembly

The Ex Committee of Education resigned

Rev E.W. Caruthers tendered his resignation
as Treasurer which was not accepted.

Resolved that the money & papers now in
the hands of the treasurer of the late Roanoke
Presbytery, be transferred to the treasurer of
this Presbytery.

Conference on the question. see page 183
was postponed till the next Stated meeting.

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The free Conversation on the State of religion
was made the order of the day for tomorrow
3 P.M. B.M. Smith & J.J. Ely were appointed
to take notes & prepare a report for the General
Assembly.

A call from the Clarksville church
for the pastoral services of Rev Daniel G. Doak.
was laid before Presbytery & being found in
order was put into the hands of Mr. Doak &
he having signified his acceptance of the
same the Rev A.D. Montgomery & S.L. Graham D.D.
were appointed a committee to install him
Bishop of the said chh. on the Saturday before
the 4 Sabbath in April. That Mr Montgomery
preach the sermon & give the charge to the
pastor & Dr. Graham give the charge to the
people of the congregation.

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Resolved that the next Stated meeting of Presbytery be held at Hansfield Chh. on Thursday before the 2. Sabbath in October next at 12. Meridian.

The committee appointed to install the Rev. Thos R. Owen & S. J. P. Anderson reported that they had discharged the duties assigned them.

The committee on missions reported that since their last report no applications had been made to them for aid. This report was accepted.

N. H. Harding.

Dr. Mc. Sheeters & J. L. Leeman were appointed a committee to nominate trustees for the Caldwell Institute.

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The Elders present from Chhs having Stated Supplies & from vacant Chhs. were required to state to Presbytery the reasons why they have not pastors.

Resolved that the number of Trustees of the Caldwell Institute be increased to 9. Bishop & 8 laymen & also that the Election of trustees instead of being confined to the fall meetings of Presbytery shall take place only at the Stated meetings of Presbytery.

The Bishop acting as G. & those without charge were required to state to Presbytery the reasons why they do not sustain the pastoral office.

It was found on inquiry that the public worship of God was conducted according to the Directory.

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Inquiry was also made respecting Catechetical instruction, which was found to be too much neglected.

A letter from the Rev. Francis McFarland Con. Sec. of the Ad. Gen. Board of Education was read before Presbytery, & referred to the Standing Committee of Education.

Dr McPheeters, Dr A. Wilson & R. J. Smith were appointed a committee to revise the assessments on the Chh. for the commissioners funds. Adjourned to meit tomorrow at 9 A. M. Conducted with Prayer.

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April 17. 1840. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer.

The Committee on the Session Books of High Rock. Zaricfield. Spring Hill & Youngsville & Sandy Ridge. made a report which was accepted.

The committee to nominate trustees for the Caldwell institute reported whereupon Presbytery proceeded to an election which resulted as follows viz Revs. Mr Burwell. Mr Bailey & Dr McPheeters with George Williamson. James Albright. Son & Gilbert Albright were elected for one year. Mr Harding & Mitchell. D.D. Dr Montgomery. D. I Long. J. Norwood & J. L. Leseuer for two years. J. Rankin. J. Lynch. A. Wilson D.D. M. Rankin. R. J. Smith & M. McLeod for three years.

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Resolved that this Presbytery will cause to be paid to the widow of John Chavis $40 a year during her natural life

Resolved 1. That it be recommended to the Synod of N.C. to authorize on their part the following alteration in the Constitution of the Union Theological Seminary viz. That the Election of professors in said Seminary instead of being as at present by an Electoral College shall in future be, by the Board of Directors, two thirds of whom, when convened on due notice, shall be competent for that purpose.

2. That the meetings of the Board of Directors shall hereafter be annual instead of semi-annual unless the interest of the institution

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should at any time require them to meet of [illegible] which case extra meetings of the Board shall be called in the usual way.

The committee to whom was referred the Session Books of Hillsboro & others reported that they had examined the Hillsboro Book & find it correctly kept & recommend that it be approved to page 39 with the following exceptions. That no record is made by the Session whether the parties has discharged her duties. They further reported that the Session Books of Chapel Hill Raleigh & Oxford had not been put into their hands.

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In order that the members of our church may become more thoroughly acquainted with the principles of church government

Resolved that the ministers of this Presbytery be directed to preach on that subject on the sabbath preceding the meeting of the G. Assembly, or on some sabbath in the month of May.

The committee appointed to review the assessment on the church for the Contingent Commissioners fund made the following report which was accepted & adopted viz. That the churches Grassy Creek pay the following sums to the Commissioners fund, & one Dollar each for the contingent fund of the Gen. Assembly

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	$	¢
Grassy Creek	3	50
Haneyfields	8	1
Rea House	6	1
Eno.	4	1
Buffalo.	6	1
Nutbush.	5	10
Gilead.	2	1
Speedwell.	8	1
Gum Grove.	2	1
Little River.	5	1
Allemance.	6	1
Bethesda.	5	1
Stony Creek.	3	1
Griers.	4	1
Bethlehem.	2	1
Cross Roads.	8	1
New Hope.	3	1
Bethel.	6	1
Chapel Hill.	5	1
Raleigh	12	1
Caneyside	5	1
Hillsboro.	12	1
Newbern.	12	1
Oxford.	8	1
Spring Grove.	4	1
Washington.	12	1
Providence.	5	1
Greensboro.	8	1
Murfreesboro.	3	1
Harmony.	4	1
Milton.	8	1
Danville.	12	1
Lexington.	8	1
Carmel.	4	1
Warrenton.	2	1
Lewisburgh.	4	1
Spring Garden.	5	1
Shiloh.	5	1
Clarksville.	12	1
High Rock.	2	1
Fourfield.	3	1
Spring Hill.	5	1

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The Committee on supplies made the following report which was accepted & adopted viz
Rev E. W. Caruthers one Sabbath at Speedwell.
E. B. Currie. Lynch Burwell & Phillips. Each one Sabbath at Little River. T. Lynch one Sab at Bethlehem. E. Mitchell as often as convenient at the same place.
J. C. Thompson one J. Wilson 4 Sabbaths at Murfreesboro. J. H. Pickard, one Sab. at Sandy Ridge.

The hour for religious conference having come, the subject was postponed till the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee on the Session Books of Hawfields & Eno made a report recommending that these Books be approved which was accepted & adopted. They further reported that the Session Book of Buffalo was not put into their hands.

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whereupon the Committee was discharged.

The Committee on the Session Book of Spring Grove reported that the books were correct & Report accepted & adopted.

The Committee on the Session Books of Providence reported that the Books is very correct & in order & further that the Session Books of Washington have not been put into their hands. Report accepted & adopted.

The Committee on the Session Books of Murfreesboro Harmony Danville & Milton made the following report

1. That the Books of Murfreesboro & Harmony have not been put into their hands.
2. That the Milton is Correct & should be approved to page 145. 3 They recommend that the Danville Book be approved to page 107.

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with the following exceptions viz. The proceedings in the case of the Valentian, which were irregular & contrary to Presbyterian order 2. That part of the sessional report which shows one member suspended of which there is no account in the proceedings 3. The omission of the certificate on the part of the people as to the performance of their respective duties. This report was accepted & adopted

It being found impossible at the present session to ascertain with precision the amount of money contributed at the late Bicentenary Celebration. It was resolved that all our churches be required to report on this subject at the next Presbytery meeting & that their respective reports be recorded.

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The Committee on Session Books of Lexington reported that the Spring Garden & Carmel had not been put into their hands & that the Spring Garden books should be referred to the respective sessions

The Committee on the Session books of Shiloh & Hartsville reported that the books were not in their possession which report was accepted & the Committee discharged.

The Committee on the Session books of Rehoboth & Bethesda reported that the three first named had not been put into their hands

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2 They recommend that the Session of Bethesda Church be directed to be more full & explicit in keeping their records hereafter

The Committee on the Session books of Grove, Bethlehem, Grassy Roads & New Hope reported that they had examined the same & recommend that they be approved, with this exception; there is no record respecting reciprocal dealings. Report accepted.

The committee on the Session books of Greensboro made the following report. Namely. They recommend that the record commencing with page 41 & onward be approved, but that all future meetings of the Session be opened with prayer - & the names of the Elders present be recorded & all the business of the Session be distinctly stated.

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Report accepted & approved

Presbytery then had a free conversation on the state of religion. Synod & Ely taking notes to prepare a report to the G. Assembly

A resolution having been offered respecting the Baltimore Literary & religious Magazine & discussed at some length the mover of the same had leave to withdraw it & the subject was referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Rh. Sheeler & B. M. Smith

Resolved That the Stated Clerk be directed to have printed as many blank sessional reports as he may deem necessary for the use of the Presbytery

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The Committee on the Session books of Little River, Gum Grove, Rutbush & Spreadwell. Report that they have performed the duty assigned them & recommend that the Session book of Little River be approved to page 22 with the following exceptions viz on page 18 there is a case of discipline recorded but no mention of the crime. & on page 21 the Session transacts business without a constitutional quorum being present.

They also recommend that the Session book of Rutbush be approved to page 22 with the exception of a blank on page 22. They further recommend that the Session book of Gum Grove be approved to page 15. The Session book of Spreadwell has not been put into their hands.

Report accepted & adopted

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The Treasurer presented his report which was referred to an auditing committee consisting of Newton Cook, who subsequently reported that they found the accounts accompanied by the proper vouchers. Their report was accepted & adopted.

Mr. Read & Mr. Woods & Mr. Watts obtained leave of absence after 6 day.

The committee on the Session book of Lewisburgh reported in favour of approving the same through. Report accepted & adopted.

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the State of religion made a report which was accepted & adopted.

Milton April 1840.

The committee on the session books of Spring Hill Fairfield Gyancyville & High Rock made a report which was accepted & adopted viz as follows.

1. That the last named book was not put into their hands. 2. That the session book of Spring Hill be approved to page 24.

2 That the book of Gyancyville & Fairfield be approved.

A collection was made for the widows of John Chavis amounting to $4.

Rev. W. McPheeters D.D. & Rev A.D. Montgomery were elected commissioners to the Gen. Assembly & subsequently Rev. Thos. Lynch & J. L. Rankin were appointed their alternates. A. McLewis & A.C. Read, Esqrs. were elected as principal & R.J. Smith & W. Rankin their alternates.

Adjourned till tomorrow 9 A.M. concluded with prayer.

Milton April 1840

Appointed to preach at accordg to adjournment opened with prayer, the minutes of yesterday were read.

Rev D. Lacy presented a paper on the benevolent institutions of the ch. which was referred to a committee consisting of Dr. McPheeters & Lacy.

Resolved. That in the opinion of this body many there profess the Christian religion & [illegible] who do not contribute to these institutions are regarded as greatly delinquent in the discharge of their duty.

[illegible] That in the opinion of this body [illegible] the liberality of many of our people would prove a valuable auxiliary in extending the church.

Milton April 1840.

Dr Mc Cheeten & Lacy & C. Dewey & Dr Brown were appointed the Ex standing committee of Education

Mr H. Harding. R. M. Smith. W. M. Davis & Dr Alexander & John Wilson were appointed the Ex Standing committee of missions.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the Baltimore Sch & Religious Magazine made the following report which was accepted & adopted

Resolved That in the judgment of this Presbytery, the ability & zeal displayed in the Balt Sch & Religious Magazine in opposing the corruptions of the R. C. & opposing the progress of popery in the U. States, together with the firm & decided defence of our doctrines & order, commend it to the support & patronage of our churches.

Milton. April 1840

Isaac Rankin & Robt Rankin A.S.C. Sindelay have leave of absence from the remainder session of Presbytery

The salary of the Statia Clerk was raised to $15. a year

The committee to whom was referred a paper presenting a plan for conducting benevolent operations in the church under the care of this Presbytery presented the following resolution. Resolved that this Presbytery approve the principles & funds in said plan & that Mc Cheeten Lacy & C. Dewey be a committee to arrange the details for the time for making the collections for the three leading objects of benevolence, Foreign & Domestic missions & Education & publish the same as they deem best

Milton April 1840

John Nicholson presented the claim of [illegible] between Dr Shein for the support of the widow of [illegible] Shein. The claim was allowed & the Treasurer directed to pay the money & the Treasurer was further directed to put into the hands of Dr. McPheeters the sum of $10 to be expended in the support of the same person.

He was further directed to pay over to Dr McPheeters the money collected for the Commissioners fund.

Mr Dickey read a critical exercise on Rom 8 & 28 which was sustained as part of trial. Prahm. It was assigned Mr Dickey for a lecture 1 John 1 & 8 for a popular sermon.

Mr Sutton was examined on natural philosophy, his examination was sustained as part of trial.

Milton. April 1840.

Resolved That the thanks of this presbytery be tendered to the inhabitants of this village for their hospitality during the present session.

Adjourned to meet at the Hawfields Ch. on thursday before the 2 Sabbath in October next. at 12. meridian.

Concluded with prayer

N. H. Harding S. Clk.

Synod of N. Carolina in session at Danville 24th Oct. 1840 — These Records examined & approved

Alex. Wilson Mod.

Minutes of the 141. Sessions of the Presbytery of Orange, held at the Hawfields Church October 1840.

Hawfields Oct 6. 1840.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by Rev. Robt Burwell the last moderator from Phil. 4. 2. Constituted with prayer present. Rev William Paisley (2 day.) E B. Currie. J. H. Pickard E. Mitchell D.D. A. W. Carruthers (2 day.) A. D. Mayomery Jesse Rankin. Thos Lynch. J. H. Smith. A. H. Harding. A. Wilson D.D. Drury Lacy. R. Burwell. E. Ferrell Jas Phillips. D. G. Oak. J. A. Gretter B. M. Smith. G. D. McLaurin. D. Stratton Js. Thompson W. R. McBane J. J. P. Anderson. Bishops. Nich. Williams Murry O. F. Long. Robt Mabyn. A. M. Lewis Robt Ross. Jas. W. Clark. H. Woods. James McBane Wm Blackwood Caswell Cobb John Paisley W. Baird & W. Morrow ruling Elders.

Absent. Rev. W. Mc. Pheeters D.D. Elijah Graves.
A. L. Graham D.D. Sidney Weller J. Bird. J. J. Ely.
Thos. R. Owen & J. C. Franklin &.

The Rev. A. D. Montgomery was chosen moderator & the Rev. Jno. Rankin & W. S. Mebane temporary Clerks. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Absentees from the last stated meeting were now called & rendered their excuses.

A letter from the Rev. J. Bird requesting a dismission from this presbytery & recommendation to the Caledonia presbytery, was read & referred to a committee consisting of D. Lacy & A. Wilson.

O. F. Long & W. H. Hardaway were appointed a committee on the subject of a legacy left by Miss Ann Smith for the purpose of educating young men for the ministry.

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Thos. Lynch. & R. Richard & W. M. Lucas were appointed a committee of supplies.

R. Burwell. & R. Ross were appointed a committee on the minutes of the General Assembly

J. A. Gretter & W. Harry &c of consideration.
A. Wilson & B. M. Smith were appointed to examin candidates on personal piety.

Mr. David Dickey read a Lecture on the first Psalm, which was sustained as part of trial. He was also examined on Theology & Church History, which was sustained.

A letter was received from the Rev. Sidney Weller assigning reasons for his absence from the present session.

Adjourned till tomorrow at half past eight. Concluded with prayer.

Hawfields Oct. 1840

Oct 9 Presbytery met according to adjournment opened with prayer present as above. the minutes of yesterday were read.

The question for conference was indefinitely postponed. A part of the afternoon was spent in devotional exercise.

The following resolutions were adopted respecting the Caldwell Institute.

Resolved 1 That this presbytery attend with gratitude to God the success which has attended their efforts to build up the Caldwell Institute.

II That regarding the Institution as of very great importance to the interests of sound learning & piety in our church, we will not cease our efforts till we have placed it on a permanent foundation. Therefore Resolved

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III That it be recommended to the trustees to take immediate measures to raise $10.000. in aid of the permanent funds & we as a presbytery pledge ourselves to aid them in this enterprize.

IV That as a presbytery, we express our high satisfaction with the official conduct of the faculty of the Caldwell Institute; & we hope that nothing will induce them to leave the situation they now occupy, so honourable to themselves & so useful to the interests of learning & piety; & we do most cordially unite in requesting the Rev. Dr Wilson not to accept the invitation, which we hear he has received, from another Institution.

V That it is expedient to establish a contingent fund, out of which any deficiency in the salaries of the professors may be paid.

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The Rev E. Mitchell D.D. had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of presbytery.

B. M. Hobson was examined on theology Church History & the Hebrew language which examination was sustained as parts of trial

Resolved that the next Stated meeting be held in Newbern, on the last thursday in April 1841 at 7 o'clock P. M.

The Rev B. M. Smith [illegible] requested, that the pastoral relation now existing between himself & the Danville Church might be dissolved & at the same time a letter from the church was read informing presbytery that no opposition would be made to mr Smiths request; it was granted & the pastoral relation between the Rev B. M. Smith & the Danville Church was dissolved & the chh was declared vacant.

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The committee on the application of Rev J. Bird made the following report which was accepted & adopted. viz Resolved that the request of the Rev J. Bird be granted, & that the Stated Clerk be directed to transmit to him a certificate in the usual form, recommending him to the Presbytery of Crawfordsville connected with the Gen Assembly of which the Rev William Engles D.D. was the moderator in 1840.

The Rev E. B. Currie requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between himself & the Cross Roads Church his request being opposed by the delegate from that church the business was refered to a committee consisting of J. A. Wilson A. R. Harding J. Phillips W. Baird & A. M. Lewis who subsequently reported that mr Currie had withdrawn his request.

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D. J. Doak & D. Lacy were appointed a committee to examine the case of Mr. Dickey & to report on the propriety of licensing him at the present meeting.

The Rev. John Witherspoon D.D. presented a letter of dismission from the Harmony Presbytery to this Body: he was examined & received as a member of this presbytery.

Mr. Hobson presented a latin Exegesis which was referred to B. M. Smith & R. Burwell, who subsequently reported in favour of sustaining it as part of trial which was adopted.

~~Exercise on a text~~ Mr. Hobson read a critical exercise & lecture on the subjects assigned him see page 177. which were sustained.

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Resolved that Mr. Hobson preach his popular sermon tomorrow at 9 A.M. & that Mr. Dickey preach his immediately after.

The committee on the propriety of licensing Mr. Dicky made the following report which was adopted. viz. That having maturely considered the whole subject having taken into view the many & great difficulties with which Mr. Dickey has had to contend in prosecuting his studies, the diligence, perseverance & success with which he has encountered these difficulties - the report of his talents, character & decided piety made by those brethren best acquainted with him - his ardent desire to serve God in the ministry of his son, with a reasonable prospect of his being useful, to some extent, in this calling, the loud & increasing

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calls by the churches for the preaching of the gospel therefore they recommend that Mr Dickey be licensed at this meeting.

Rev J H Smith obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at half past eigh. Concluded with prayer

Saturday morning Oct 10.

presbytery met according to adjournment present as above Opened with prayer

The treasurer made his report which was referred to the auditing committee who subsequently reported that they found his accounts correctly kept & accompanied by the proper vouchers. report accepted & adopted.

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The committee on the legacy of miss Ann Smith made the following report which was adopted viz Resolved that the Treasurer of Orange presbytery & the moderator of the same & their successors in office be appointed trustees to the legacy of the late Ann Smith & they are authorized to receive a receipt for the same. 2 Resolved, that said legacy, when received, shall be appropriated to the Education of young men for the ministry of the presbyterian chh in No Ca. 3 That a copy of the proceedings of presbytery in this case be forwarded by the Stated clerk to J. J. Downey. & R. F. Smith.

The presbytery then heard the sermons of Mr Hobson & Mr Dickey (see page 239) which were approved.

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Mr Hobson & Mr Dickey having passed through all their trials, & they having given satisfactory to their accomplishments in literature, their experimental acquaintance with religion & their proficency in divinity & other studies & they having adopted the Confession of faith of this church & having satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates. they were licensed to preach the gospel of Christ as probationers for the holy ministry.

The committee on the minutes of the Gen. Assembly reported the following resolution which was adopted. Viz. Resolved that the resolution of the Assembly respecting deacons be sent down to the churches & that they report their action on the subject to presbytery at the next stated meeting in the Spring.

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Wilson Phillips Anderson & Baird were appointed a committee to take into consideration the means by which the books of the board of publication may be speedily circulated among our people.

Standing Rule.

The following standing rule was adopted. At the Spring meeting each member shall be called on to state how much has been contributed by the churches under his care, for the cause of Missions

The report concerning the Semi-centenary fund was postponed till next stated meeting.

The committee on surplices made the following report which was adopted, viz Currie & Pickard one sabbath each at Little River. Thompson one at Warrenton Harding & Pickard one sabbath at Sabbath at Speedwell & W. H. McBane one sab. at Germanton.

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The committee on the books of the board of Publication made the following report which was adopted viz. Resolved that the pastors & Elders of our churches be earnestly requested to adopt such measures as shall most speedily supply our people with the books of our Board of Publication.

The Treasurer was directed to pay $21. out of the contingent fund for the support of the widow of John Chavis.

Resolved that Presbytery will meet at Synod at the call of the moderator.

Adjourned to meet in Danville at the call of the moderator. Concluded with prayer & the benediction.

N. H. Harding, Stated Clerk.

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Danville Oct. 23. 1840.

Presbytery met at the call of the moderator opened with prayer present Revs. A. D. Mcgovery. B. M. Smith S. L. Graham & W. N. Mebane S. H. Smith. J. J. P. Anderson. D. G. Doak N. H. Harding. A. Wilson D.D. J. A. Gretter Thos. Lynch Bishops. with W. Baird R. V. Watkins. W. Rankin & P. Chandler ruling Elders.

A. call from the Church in Danville for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. J. P. Anderson was laid before Presbytery & being found in order. was put into the hands of Mr. Anderson. he having signified his willingness to accept the same, requested that his pastoral relation to the churches of Grassy Creek & Oxford might be dissolved

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A written communication from the church of Oxford, signed by J. B. Littlejohn Clerk of the Session, certifying that the congregation was willing that the pastoral relation should be dissolved, was then laid before Presbytery.

But as the Grassy Creek Church had taken no order in the case Presbytery declined all further proceedings in this business at present & resolved to hold an adjourned meeting in this place on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in December at 3 o'clock P. M. & that the Rev. D. G. Doak cite the congregation ~~of~~ of Grassy Creek to appear by their communioner before this Presbytery at the time & place above named, to show cause, if any they have, why the request of Mr. Anderson should not be granted.

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A call from the Spring Garden church for the the pastoral services of Rev W A Mebane was laid before presbytery, but not being found in order it was returned to the Chh. to be amended.

The Rev Benjamin M Smith was at his own request dismissed from this presbytery, to join the Lexington Presbytery.

William C Sutton a candidate under our care, being about to join the Union Theological Seminary requested the usual certificate given by the presbytery in such cases, his request was referred to a committee consisting of J H Anderson, J Lynch & Mattoons M Baird & G Williamson who subsequently reported in favour of his request being granted, their report was adopted & the Stated Clerk was directed to give ———

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mr Sutton a certificate in the usual form.

Adjourned to meet in this place (Danville) on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in December at Six P. M. Concluded with prayer & the benediction. N. H Harding. Stated Clerk.

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Danville December 3. 1840

Presbytery met according to adjournment: opened with prayer present Rev. N. H. Harding Wm N. McBane & J. J. P. Anderson * Bishops. with Robt. Ross ruling Elder.

J. J. P. Anderson renewed his request (see pa. 246) to be released from his pastoral relation to the chh of Grassy Creek & Oxford. A letter from the Rev. D. G. Doak was ~~this before~~ read informing Presbytery that he had performed the duty to which he had been appointed. (see pa. 247) that he had duly notified the chh. of Grassy Creek to appear by their commissioner at this time & place. There being no commissioner present from said chh. & Presbytery having before them the paper from the Oxford chh. (see page 247) granted the request of Mr. Anderson & released him from his pastoral

* who was also appointed moderator pro. Tem. & Wm N. McBane Temp. Clerk.

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relation to said chhes & declared them vacant.

The call from the chh. in Danville being now in the hands of Mr. Anderson (see pa. 246) & he still signifying his acceptance of the same, Presbytery resolved to install him bishop of said chh. to night after sermon.

That Rev. N. H. Harding preach the sermon preside & give the charge to the bishop. Rev. Wm N. McBane give the charge to the people.

This resolution was carried into effect & the Rev. J. J. P. Anderson was installed according to the form prescribed in the Form of government Chapt XVI.

Note. On the opposite page after the fifth line the following should have been inserted. viz The Rev. J. J. P. Anderson was appointed moderator, & Wm N. McBane temporary clerk

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A call from the Spring Garden Chh. for the pastoral services of the Rev. Wm. M. McBane was laid before Presbytery, & being found in order was put into his hands, the having signified his acceptance of the same — Presbytery resolved to install him bishop of the said chh. on the first Sabbath in April.

That the Rev. J. A. Gretter preach the sermon & give the charge to the minister & be the presiding bishop on the occation.

The Rev. J. J. P. Anderson give the charge to the people.

Adjourned to meet in Auburn on the last thursday in April. 1841. at 7. P. M. — Concluded with prayer.

Minutes of the 142 Sessions of the Presbytery of Orange held at Newbern April 1841.

Newbern April 29. 1841.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by Rev. Robert Burwell. Bishop of the Hillsboro Chh; from Nehemiah 4. 6. Constituted with prayer.

Present Revs. Thos. Lynch. N. H. Harding. Alex. Wilson. D.D. Drury Lacy. Robt Burwell Daniel G. Doak (2) John A. Gretter Daniel Stratton Thomas R. Owen. Bishops. Thos. Sparrow & George Potts ruling. Elders.

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Absent Revs. Wm Bewley. E. B. Currie. Wm Mc. Sheetars D.D. John Witherspoon, DD. LL.D. S. F. Pickard. E. Graves. E. Mitchell. D.D. J. L. Graham. D.D. E. W. Caruthers. A. D. Montgomery. F. Hankin. J. Wellen. J. H. Smith. G. Ferree. J. Phillips. J. J. Ely. J. D. Mc Caleum. J. C. Rankin. W. N. Mebane. J. J. S. Anderson. Bishops.

Adjourned till tomorrow. 9 A. M.

Closed with prayer.

April 30 Presbytery met according to adjournment opened with prayer. present as above. Rev D. Lacy. bishop of the chh in Raleigh. was chosen moderator. & Rev. Burwell & J. A. Gretter temporary Clerks. The minutes of the last meetings were read.

Wilson & Gretter were appointed a committee to examine session books: Harding & Stratton on Supplies

Newbern April 1841.

Letters of dismission were received from Rev J. Witherspoon D.D. J. D. Graham D.D. & G. Mc Lellan.

A letter from T. Bird was read & ordered to be filed. A petition from the session of the Red House Chh praying for the ordination of John Pooley as an Evangelist was read & referred to Harding & Lynch.

A letter from Rev Sidney Weller requesting to be dismissed from this Presbytery to the Protestant Methodist Chh., was read & referred to Burwell & Lynch.

A letter from Rev J. Mc Farlan was read & referred to D. Lacy to report & reply.

Gretter. Lynch. Mc Pheeters. Brown. Lacy. Bishops. & Donald. Norwood. Dewey & Williamson Elders. were nominated as Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Newbern April 1841.

Tomorrow at 9 A.M. was made the order of the day for devotional exercises which order was attended to at the time appointed. Rev Wm Bailey. W. Mc Pheeters D.D. George Williamson, Jas. Mebane & Giles Mebane were reelected trustees of the Caldwell Institute for three years.

The Presbytery having been informed of the death of the Rev J. C. Thompson, bishop of the Methodist Chh. appointed D. G. Doak to bring in a minute on the subject.

E. Hines read a Latin Exegesis which was referred to Wilson & Gretter Mr. Hines also read a critical exercise & a lecture which were sustained as parts of trial. The presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr Hines on theology & church History & government. his examination was sustained.

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Mr Potts was appointed to collect the sums due by the Chh to the Commissioners' Fund & contingent Fund of the Assembly.

A letter from R. K. Black was read & referred to Brown & Boyd.

The Committee on the petition of the Elders of the Red House Chh. reported in favour of granting the prayer of the petitioners. This report was not adopted & the prayer of the petitioners was not granted.

A. Wilson D.D. was directed to address a letter to the Session of said Church on the subject of their petition.

The free conversation on the state of religion was made the order of the day for 3 P.M. Owen & Potts to take notes.

A call from the Shiloh Chh. for the pastoral services of the Rev D. G. Doak was laid before Presbytery & being found

in order was put into his hands & he having declared his acceptance of the same A. D. Montgomery G. Forrel & S. H. Smith were directed to install him Pastor of said Chh on the first Sabbath in July. Montgomery to preside preach & give the charge to the Pastor. Forrel his alternate. Smith to charge the people.

The committee to whom was referred the letter from R. K. Black reported; the report was accepted.

Resolved that Mr. Sutton be informed by the Stated Clerk that reports injurious to his reputation are in circulation & that he be requested to appear before presbytery at the next meeting in October. & that A. W. Venable Esq. & R. K. Black be earnestly requested to be present at the same time

Adjourned till tomorrow 9 - A.M. concluded with prayer.

May 1st Presbytery met according to adjournment & present as above. opened with prayer.

Newbern 1841.

The Committee to install William S. Mebane,
Reported that they were prevented from performing
the duty assigned them, by the inclemency of the weather.
Report accepted.

Messrs Gretter, Carruthers & Anderson were appointed
a Committee to install Mr. Mebane pastor of the
Spring Garden Church on the 1st Sabbath in July -
Mr. Carruthers to preside, preach & give the
charge to the Bishop. - Mr. Gretter to give the charge
to the people - Mr. Anderson to be alternate to either -

Ordered that Doct. McDowell be authorized
to draw on the Treasurer for Eighty nine Dollars &
& that the Treasurer be & hereby is directed to pay
to Doct. McDowell the above sum. -

Newbern 1841.

Resolved that the next stated meeting of
Presbytery be held in Hillsborough, on the 3d
Wednesday in October next at 7. P. M. -

Resolved that the Treasurer be directed to pay
to the Rev. R. Armstrong for the widow of John
Harris, whatever balance there may remain of
the contingent funds in his hands, provided
she needs it.

The Committee on Mr. Hemphill's exegesis reported
in favour of sustaining it as parts of trial
Report adopted.

Whereas it is expedient for the Treasurer of this
Presbytery to attend regularly the stated meetings,
& Whereas great inconvenience arises from his non-attendance,
Therefore Resolved that it is expedient at this meeting
to elect a new Treasurer.

Newbern 1841.

Resolved that the Treasurer of this Presbytery be instructed to deliver to the late Treasurer of its funds in his hands.

The Revd Drury Lacy was elected Treasurer.

Resolved that the late Treasurer be directed to transfer to Mr Lacy as soon as possible all funds belonging to Presbytery which may be in his hands.

The Committee on Mr Weller's communication made the following report which was adopted, namely:

Resolved that Mr Weller has expressed a wish to withdraw from the Presbyterian Church & to connect himself with another denomination of Christians: therefore Resolved that his request be granted & his name be erased from our roll.

Resolved further that this Presbytery has no power to release him from any obligations he may have come under to the Caldwell Institute.

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Romans 7. 1st v. was assigned to Mr Sutton for an Exegetical exercise. Luke 12 & 8 inclusive for a Lecture. Phil. 2. 12 & 13 for a popular Sermon.

Resolved that Mr Doak be requested to collect all moneys due from the Churches in Granville County & from Harmony in Halifax &c.

Resolved that this Presbytery approve of the fast recommended by the Synod of the Methodist Protestant Church to be observed on the same day by the Churches under their care.

Resolved that Mr Doak be directed to preach & administer the ordinances at Hebron Church on the 3d Sabbath in June.

Mr Heines was examined in the Hebrew language which examination was sustained.

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Mr Hines having stated that the Vestry of [illegible] had elected him a delegate to the [illegible] Convention, and had obtained a license to Preach &c. the Bishop was requested to [illegible]

The Committee on Diocesan Funds, reported in favour of appropriating the funds of Milton, Hillsborough, Washington Newbern, & Clarksville - Report adopted.

The following persons were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly - Bp Ravenscroft Cutlar & Lipscomb Presbyters - Mr Thacker & Lee of the Convention - Collins Haywood & Williamson Principals - Donaldson & Dewey alternates. -

The Committee on [illegible] made a report, which was adopted & see File marked [illegible]

The Committee on Mr Thompson's death made a report which was adopted. (see File marked [illegible]

Newbern 1841.

According to the order of the day the Rev. Dr Pise of Baltimore [illegible] Committee on the state of Religion

The Report of the Committee of the Institution of the Catholic Church in the United States, was, upon motion ordered to be filed.

Whereas the Church at Edenton has not been represented in the Convention for many years, Resolved that the Bishop appoint a committee to visit said Church & report its state to Presbytery which shall meet in

The Committee to prepare a report of the state of religion within the Diocese [illegible] which was adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly

Newbern 1841.

Mr Lynch requested leave to resign his Pastoral charge of the Plainfield Church, and he having laid before Presbytery a paper signed by the Elders of said Church, in which they say that the Congregation will make no opposition to Mr Lynch's request, leave was granted, his resignation accepted, the Church declared vacant & Doct Witherspoon was directed to make this known to said Church.

Mr Hall was appointed to visit the Church in Lincolnton & the Churches in Gaston County.

Messrs Burwell & Avery were appointed a Committee to prepare a minute on the death of Doct Baxter

Resolved that the stated Clerk be authorized to have printed a number of blank Commissions for Commissioners to the General Assembly & also the standing rules.

Adjourned till monday morning 9 A.M.
Closed with prayer. —

Newbern 1841.
Monday Morning May. 3.

Presbytery met according to adjournment —
Present, as before. —

The Committee to prepare a minute on the death of Doct Baxter made a report, which was accepted & adopted. (see Paper. 76.)

Adjourned, to meet in Hillsborough on the third Wednesday in October at 7 P.M.
Closed with prayer & the benediction.

N. H. Harding S. Clerk.

Minutes of the 143. Sessions,

of the Presbytery of Orange, held at Hillsboro Oct. 1841.

Hillsboro Oct. 20. 1841.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by the moderator Rev Drury Lacy bishop of the Raleigh Chh. From 1. Cor. IX. 16 Constituted with prayer. Present on the first day

Rev E. B. Currie.
A. D. Montgomery.
Thos Lynch.
John Witherspoon D.D.
J. H. Smith.
N. H. Harding D.D.
Drury Lacy.
Robt. Burwell.
George Ferree.

John A. Gretter.
J. J. P. Anderson.
& on the 2d day E. W. Carruthers.
Jos. Phillips & G. D. McQueen.
Third day W. Paisley &
Alex Wilson D.D.
Fourth day.
John H. Pickard.
Bishops.

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With John Mc Alister. Samuel Tate.
John D. Rainey. James Clark. G. A. Fawcett.
D. L. Long. John Wilkinson. Edward Montgomery.
Robt K. Clack. John Neely. Wm Currie.
Elijah Pickard & J. J. Downey. Ruling
Elders. Absent *

The Rev. Thos Lynch was chosen moderator & A. D. Montgomery & J. J. D. Anderson temporary Clerks.

Benj. M. Hobson was dismissed from the care of this & to the care of the East Tennessee Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9. A. M. Concluded with prayer.

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* Rev C. Mitchell D.D. S. Graham D.D. J. Ely D. Strattan Thos R. Owen. Jesse Rankin. W. N. Mebane Wm Mc Pheeters D.D. E. Graves & D. G. Doak. J. C. Rankin

Hillsboro Oct 1841.

Oct 21. Presbytery met according to adjournment present as above opened with prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read. A letter from the Rev Wm Mc Pheeters D.D. assigning reasons for his absence was read.

The following committees were appointed. viz. On Sabbath Rev Robt Burwell & Th Carruthers & J. Wilkinson.

On the Minutes of the Assembly A. H. Harding & J. D. Rainey. To examine candidates on personal piety G. Ferrell & James Clark.

N. H. Harding D.D. & John Witherspoon D.D were appointed a committee to revise the Standing Rules of Presbytery.

The Committees appointed to install Rev W. N. Mebane bishop of the Spring Garden Chh. & the Rev D. G. Doak bishop of the Third Chh severally reported that they had performed the duty assigned them

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These reports were accepted.

The Rev. W. McPheeters D.D. Robt. Burwell & G. Ferrell were appointed a committee on the case of the widow of John Chavis & to report to the next stated meeting.

The Treasurer presented his report which was read accepted & J. N. Harding J. R. Rainey & O. J. Long were appointed to audit the same

The following persons were appointed a standing auditing committee of the treasurer's books. viz Charles Dewey. Jesse Brown & Jas. M. Fowles

The order of the day (Devotional exercises) was postponed till tomorrow 10 A M.

The Rev. Thos Lynch & John A. Gretter Commissioners to the last Gen. Assembly reported, that they had discharged the duties of the Office to which they had been appointed.

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The auditing committee reported that they found the accounts of the treasurer correctly kept & accompanied by the proper vouchers.

Resolved. That all money collected within our bounds for the Education of men for the ministry be paid into the treasury & be subject to the order of Presbytery. The ministers appointed at the last meeting to supply vacant chhs. severally reported.

The Rev. J. Witherspoon D.D. Drury Lacy. G. Ferrell. J. A. Gretter & O. J. Long were appointed a committee on the case of Th. C. Sutton. (See page 259.) & to report on the same during the present Session.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 A. M. Concluded with prayer

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October 22 Presbytery met. opened with prayer. Present as yesterday. *
Calls from the congregations of Pea House & Harmoney, for the pastoral services of mr John Paisley were laid before Presbytery & found to be in order & mr. Paisley having signified his acceptance of the same Presbytery determined to hold an adjourned meeting at the Pea House this on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in November next at 10. A.M. to ordain & instal the Bishop of said cnh.
Mr Paisley was directed to prepare a Sermon on Eph 2. 4–7. inclusive.
A. H. Harding was appointed to preside & preach the Sermon put the constitutional questions & make the ordaining prayer.

* Rev. John H Pickard appeared & gave his reasons for tardiness.

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J. J. S. Anderson to give the charge to the people & A. D. Montgomery to the pastor. John Witherspoon D. D. A. H. Harding D.D & Richard J Smith were appointed a commission, to settle the difficulties now existing between the Greer's congregation & their late pastor, & all the parties concerned, were directed to meet the commission at the same time & place of the adjourned meeting of Presbytery.

1 & 2 June Session. A. D. Sermon & Session.

Rev. W. Paisley & A. Wilson D.D. appeared & gave satisfactory reasons for their absence at the commencement of the sessions.

The treasurer informed Presbytery that Maj. R. Donnel, a commissioner to the last Assembly, had received $12. from the commissioners fund & moved that he be paid in full. But Presbytery having been informed that Maj. Donnel had attended the sessions of the Assembly only four or five days.

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refused to receive the motion.

The order of the day was called & Presbytery spent an hour in devotion.

Rev J Witherspoon D.D. from the committee on the case of Mr Sutton (see page 273) made a report which was accepted & adopted. & Mr Sutton was admonished by the moderator. The committee to examine candidates on their piety reported, that they had performed the duty assigned them.

John Healy, & James Clark had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The Newhope Chh had leave to employ the Rev Jas Phillips as stated supply.

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Psalm VIII 4 was assigned to A. G. Hughes, a candidate under the care of Presbytery, for a trial Sermon & Heb for a lecture.

The Committee to revise the standing rules, reported, that it is inexpedient to make any alterations at present. The report was accepted & adopted. G Ferrell John H. Pickard & E. Montgomery had leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

The following changes were made in the assessment for the Commissioners Fund Grassy Creek from $5.63 Nutbush from $10 to five

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Adjourned till tomorrow at 9 A. M

Sat. Oct. 23. 9 A M Presbytery met, opened with prayer present as above. The Committee on Supplies made the following report which was accepted & adopted. viz. J. R. Dixon to preach one sabbath at Murfreesboro. Stratton one do at Waynesboro. Lacy one do at Lewisburgh. W. Paisley. Gretter & McBane one do each at Speedwell. Lynch & Currie one sab. each at Bethlehem. Dr. Mitchell at the same place as often as convenient. Mr Hines to supply Oxford. Nutbush & Grassy Creek as often as he can at Pamell.

Further that each minister spend one or more sabbaths in destitute places before the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

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It was made a standing rule that no congregation may employ a Stated supply without the permission of Presbytery.

Rev. J. Witherspoon. A. H. Harding & A. Wilson were appointed a committee to report a resolution on the subject of the performance of ministerial duty.

Resolved that the next Stated meeting be held in Greensboro on thursday the 14th of April 1842 at 12. Mer

Rev. J. Witherspoon D.D. A. Wilson D.D. Robt Burwell with O. F. Long & William Bingham were appointed a committee on the State of the Ch. within our bounds to report at the next Stated meeting, what measures are needed, & what can be done to secure their stability & promote their prosperity. &c

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Resolved that Daniel G Deck. John Bullock & A. M. Venable be a committee to receive from J. S. Downey, administrator de bonis non, with the will annexed of Ann Smith, deceased, the legacy bequeathed by her, to the presbytery, for the purpose of educating young men for the ministry.

That said committee be authorized & directed to give a receipt for the same, & also to give the administrator a sufficient indemnification against all other persons, who may claim the same of him, as administrator aforesaid.

Mr John Bingham, was received under the care of presbytery, as a candidate for the ministry.

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Samuel D. Schoolfield, was, at his own request, dismissed from the care of Presbytery, as a candidate for the ministry, on account of bad health.

The committee on the minutes of the Assembly reported the following resolutions which were adopted. 1. Resolved that collections be made, annually, in all our chhs. for the aid of missions, & a report of the same be made by each to the Presbytery, at the spring meeting.

2. That all our ministers & chhs. be & hereby are affectionately urged to supply themselves, immediately, with the books of the board of publication.

3. Resolved. That all our ministers & chhs comply with the directions of the Assembly pages 433. & 446 of the minutes, & observe

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the first Sabbath in November as a season for special prayer to the Lord of the harvest to send forth more labourers into his harvest & the first sabbath in January 1842. a season of special prayer for the conversion of the world to God.

4. That the ministers of this Presbytery be directed to read in their several congregations the resolutions of the Gen. Assembly on foreign & domestic missions

The Bethlehem chh. had permission to employ the Rev Thos Lynch as stata supply.

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The committee on ministerial duty reported the following preamble & resolution which were adopted. Namely.

Whereas it is the duty of Presbytery to watch over their ministers as well as chhs. & whereas ministers are often discouraged & tempted to relax their efforts for the cause of Christ therefore

Resolved that at every fall meeting of Presbytery the conduct & labours of each minister shall be reviewed by the Presbytery & the Presbytery shall require an account from each of their public labours—pastoral visitation, Catechising of children; & also, whether they give themselves to reading & study; & each shall receive such encouragement, admonition & advice as his case seems to require.

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Resolved that the 2 night of each Sabbath meeting be devoted to the cause of missions, & the third to the cause of Education, & that addresses be delivered by several brethren previously appointed. N. L. Harding D.D. Jas. Phillips & J. R. Anderson were appointed to deliver addresses at the next meeting on the subject of missions & Rev. D. Lacy, Robt. Burwell & A. D. Montgomery on the subject of Education.

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From the report of the treasurer it appeared that the following sums were in his hands viz.

To the Credit of the Contingent fund $			
Do	..	Commissioners	Do
..	..	Foreign Missions	Do.
..	..	Domestic Do	Do
..	..	Education	Do.

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Presbytery having finished business adjourned to meet at the Red House Chh on Friday before the 2cond Sabbath in November to transact all business which may then come before them. & especially to ordain Mr. J. Paisley & install him bishop over the Chhs. of Red House & Harmony, & also over the Grier's Chh. if there should be a call & the way be clear.

Concluded with prayer & the benediction.

N. H Harding Stated Clerk.

Red House

Nov 12. 1841.

Presbytery met according to adjournment Present Rev J. H. Smith. N. H. Harding S.C. & J. F. P. Anderson bishops. Meth. Wm. Baird J. P. Rainey & Wm Currie. Elders.

In the absence of the mod. the Rev. J. H. Smith was called to preside. Opened with prayer.

Mr Paisley was examined on experimental religion. his reasons for seeking the ministry & on theology. which were sustained as part of trial, during the examination Mr French & Mr. Montgomery advocated in presbytery.

Presbytery heard Mr. Paisley preach his trial sermon (page 274) which was afterward sustained as part of trial.

Adjourned till tomorrow 10. A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Rea House Nov 1841.

Nov 13 1841. Presbytery met according to adjournment present as above. with Mr Lewis Nelson Elder from Milton.

Opened with prayer. The commission appointed, (see page 275) to accom the difficulty between the Greers congregation & their late pastor. Reported that they had performed that duty, & that there was no difficulty in the way of the said congregation, if they wish to call another pastor.

The report was accepted & committee discharged. A call from the Greers congregation for the pastoral services of Mr John Paisley was laid before Presbytery & being found in order was put into his hands, & he informed Presbytery that he accepted the same.

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Mr. Paisley was then examined on Church government Polemic theology & the Sacraments which was sustained as parts of trial.

Mr Paisley having passed through all his trials with approbation, & he having accepted calls from the chhs of Rea House Harmony & Greers it was resolved that Mr Paisley shd be ordained & installed bishop over said chhs. at 12 mer.

Mr Paisley was accordingly ordained & installed. Mr Harding preached put the constitutional questions to the candidate & made the ordaining prayer. Mr Montgomery gave the charge to the newly ordained bishop & Mr Anderson gave a charge to the people. Mr Paisley was received

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as a member of Presbytery.
The business being
finished, Presbytery adjourned to
meet at Greensboro on thursday 14th
of April 1842.
N. H. Harding Stated Clerk.

as a member of presbytery.

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of the Presbytery
of
Orange.
held at
Greensboro. April 1842.

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Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. E. B. Currie from 1. Cor. 16. 23 & 24 vs. Constituted with prayer
Present Rev. W. Paisley. E. B. Currie
J. Witherspoon. D.D. Thos. Lynch.
E. W. Carruthers. A. D. Montgomery
Jesse Rankin. S. H. Setrich. A. B. Hardy. D.D.
A. Wilson. D.D. Robt. Burwell. G. Forrell.

D. G. Doak. J. A. Gretter G. D. Mc. Cleeon
Thos R. Owen. W. A. Mebane. J. Paisley.
John N. Pickard. S. J. P. Anderson. Bishops
Mich Eli Murry. Thos. Wilkinson.
John L. Woods. D. Craig. Jesse Braxon.
O. J. Long. S. Lindsly. M. P. Huntington
F. Black. Jesse Thorton. Joh. Paisley. son
Ruling Elders.

S. J. P. Anderson was
chosen moderator. J. Renton &
O J Long temperary Clerk.

Letters of Excuse from Rev.
S. L Ely & Jas Phillips were read.

The Absentees from the last stated
meeting were called.

The minutes of the
last stated & intermediate meetings
were read.

Committees

The following com-
mittees were appointed.

1. On Session Books. On the
session book of Red House. Mebane
& Lindsly. Eno & Little River
Doak & M. P. Huntington
Allemance & Cross Roads.
Montgomery & Wilkinson. New Hope
& Raleigh. Lynch & Black.
Hillsboro & Spring Grove
Currie & Murry.
Greensboro & Alliston. Wilson & Braxon
Danville & Lexington. Smith & Thorton
Spring Garden & Shiloh. Mc. Cleeon
& J. Paisley. Clarksville & Fairfield
Witherspoon & Woods. Spring Hill &
Yanceyville. Currie & Thorton.

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2. Supplies Grether Doak & Huntington were appointed a committee on Supplies. Witherspoon Wilson & Harding a committee to examine Candidates on personal piety.

The Statis Clerk reported the following Chhs delinquent in not sending up their Sessional reports last Spring. Viz

Speedwell Lewisburgh Bethesda Stoney Creek. High Rock. Warrenton. Bethlehem Buffalo Alamance Lexington. Murfreesboro. Grassy Creek. New Hope. Oxford. Shiloh. Nutbush. Spring Garden. Danville. Spring-Hill. Carmel. Little River Harmony. Chapel Hill.

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The following persons were nominated for Commissioners to the G. Assembly. viz Lacy. Doak Harding. Anderson. Ministers Lindsly. Brown. Cummings & Garland. Elders

Rev. D. J. Doak requested leave to resign the pastoral charge of the chh. of Shiloh. Whereupon he was directed to cite the said Church to appear by their Commissioner before the Presbytery at an adjourned meeting to be held at Shiloh on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in May to show the cause why his request shd not be granted.

A Call from the Grassy Creek chh for the pastoral services of Mr Edward Norris was laid before presbytery & being found in order was put into his hands.

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A Call from the Greensboro Chh. for the pastoral services of Rev. P. A Grether was laid before Presbytery & being found in order was put into his hands.

Conversation on the state of religion within our bounds was made the order of the day for tomorrow 3 P.M. Messrs Brown to take notes & prepare a report. Mr Ferrell from the Committee on the case of Mrs. Chavis (page 272) reported that Mrs Chavis was with her friends & at present required no aid from the Presbytery. Whereupon it was ordered that no further collection be made for Mrs Chavis till she apply for aid.

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Resolved that the next stated meeting of Presbytery be held at Lexington on thursday before the meeting of the Synod of N. C. at 7 P.M.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 A.M. Concluded with prayer.

Greensboro April 1842.

April 15. Presbytery met according to adjournment present as yesterday. Opened with prayer.

The Committee on the Session book of Caneyview made a report which was accepted & the book approved.

Mr. Alfred Scales a ruling Elder from Spring Garden chh appeared in presbytery.

Mr. Charles Phillips a member of the New Hope chh. was introduced to presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. after prayer. he was examined as to his knowledge of Experimental religion & his motives for desiring the ministerial Office. His Examination being highly satisfactory he was taken under the care of Presbytery

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Resolved that this presbytery concur with the presbyteries of Concord & Fayetteville should they apply to the Gen. Assembly to change the time of the meeting of the Synod of N. C. from the 12th to the 26th of October.

Rev. G. Welker of the German Reformed Chh being present was invited to act as a corresponding member.

The Presbytery spent a part of the fore noon in devotion & Exhortation

The following question is the subject for the next conference viz What is implied in the fulfilment of their ordination vows on the part of ministers.

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A letter from A. B. Hope Cor Sec. of the board of Education was read & referred to the standing Committee of Education with directions to answer it.

Resolved that reports on Session books be the order of the day for this Evening at 5 P. M.

Presbytery held an interlocutory meeting with closed doors.

Presbytery held a free conversation on the state of religion within their bounds.

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The several Committees on Session books reported their reports were received & recorded in the books to which they severally related. & the Committees discharged.

Adjourned till tomorrow at 8 A. M. Concluded with prayer.

April 16th 1842

Presbytery met according to adjournment present as above.

The Treasurer presented the following report which was accepted.

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The undersigned Treasurer of Orange Presbytery, reports the following Amounts in his hands Funds of said Presbytery & for the following objects viz

Contingent Fund as per Page	1.	41.	65
Commissioners	7.	68	00
Education	17.	62	96
Domestic Missions	33	48	46
State Clerk of Synod	59.	9.	01.
		$229	50

Respectfully Submitted

Drury Lacy Treasr. O. P.

The undersigned a committee appointed by Orange Presbytery to examine the accounts of said Treasurer

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of Presbytery. have now done so find his accounts correctly stated as above.

C. Dewey.
Jarvis M. Towles.
J. Brown.

The Milton Chh. have leave to employ the rev. A. H. Harding D.D. as stated supply.

The supplies appointed at last meeting reported & their reports were accepted.

The Committee on supplies made the following report which was accepted. viz

Owen. Burwell & Doak each one sabbath at Murphreesboro. Flinn one at Pamelia Anderson one at Cascade. Lacy & Stratton one at Waynesboro.

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Witherspoon ans at Little River & to administer the communion & Burwell one Sab at the same place

The rev W Paisley was requested to supply Spraceabee, & the presbytery pledged $100 for his services. & the rev W. H. McLean was requested to visit the same shh & collect as much as possible of the above mentioned sum.—

The Committee on the State of the Church, see Page 279 ask leave to be continued until the next meeting— request granted, & Rev T. Lynch added to the Committee.—

Resolved that this Presbytery earnestly request those Churches which enjoy the services of a Minister every Sabbath to give their Pastor (or)

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or stated supply at least two weeks to the support of missionary labour within our bounds & report it annually to this Presbytery.—

Resolved that this Presbytery will during the ensuing session appoint Brethren as agents for the Assembly's Board according to the Assembly's direction.

The Trustees of the Caldwell Institute made the following report which was accepted (namely)

"The Trustees of the Caldwell Institute report to Presbytery that the Institution is in a very flourishing condition. The number of the students during the last Session was one hundred. The examinations of the Students have given to the Trustees the greatest satisfaction & confidence in the faithfulness of the Faculty in the discharge of their duties & the diligence & success of the (several)

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several absentees in their studies — the tuition fees for the last year have been ~~[illegible]~~ to defray the current expenses of the Institution.

The Board is deeply impressed with the necessity of having another teacher engaged in the Institute, but as much as they desire it, a portion of the debt incurred for the building and lands it has been thought advisable at present to employ a teacher at present, but to meet the exigency which possibly may arise before the next meeting of the Board they have authorized the Faculty to employ a teacher for the time being in case the funds justify such an appointment —

The Rev. N. H. Harding, E. Mitchell D.D. & D. Montgomery, Jno Norwood Esqr, Jno L. Lessiter Esqr & Dr. P. H. Long, were re-elected Trustees of the Caldwell Institute for three years —

The roll being called it was found that catechetical

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instruction had been so generally neglected, only six Presbyterian Churches reporting that the duty had been faithfully performed. It appeared also that collections for missions had been pretty generally, but not universally made by the Churches —

The Revd. J. Witherspoon D.D., R. Burwell and P. H. Long were appointed a Committee to visit the Churches of Mount Pleasant & Bruce Parish to confer & advise with the Pastor and Elders —

N. H. Harding A. Mitchell, D. A. Penick and J. Lindsay were appointed a Committee to examine Wm. Charles Phillips on his theological studies —

Revd. D. Lacy & S. J. P. Anderson, ministers & J. Lindsay & Jesse Brown Elders were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly & D. F. Caldwell, N. H. Harding ministers, & William A. Cumming & James Garland Elders, alternates —

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Mr J. A. Stanfield a member of the Carmel Church was introduced to Presbytery and examined as to his knowledge of experimental Religion & his motives in seeking the Gospel ministry - which examination was unanimously sustained & he was received as a Candidate for the Ministry - under the care of this Presbytery —

Mr Gretter returned to Presbytery the call ~~which~~ from the Church at Greensborough, which had been put into his hands (see Page)

The Treasurer was directed to pay twenty Dollars agreed by the Synods of North Carolina on this Presbytery, to defray the travelling expenses of the Rev. D. M. Turner to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia —

The following supplies were appointed for Raleigh during the absence of Mr Lacy to the General Assembly (to wit) Rev. E. Mitchell D.D. 4th Sabbath in May, I. Philips 5th ditto — R. Burwell 1st Sabbath in June

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The report on the state of religion was, read, accepted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly by the Stated Clerk. —

The following supplies were appointed for Danville during the absence of Mr Anderson to the General Assembly, to wit A. D. Montgomery 4th Sabbath in May, A. D. Harding 5th ditto & Jno A Gretter 1st Sabbath in June. —

The Rev. A. Wilson from the Committee to examine Mr Philips on his collegiate studies, reported that they had examined him on the Latin & Greek languages & Mathematics, and recommended that his examination be sustained, which report was accepted and adopted.

The Presbytery resolved to hold an adjourned meeting at Shiloh on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in May at 11 o'clock a.m. — When and where if the way be clear, they will release the [illegible] D.G. Doak (from)

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from the pastoral charge of Shiloh church. —
and ordain Mr Edwd Miner and install him
Pastor of the United churches of Grapy Creek and
Shiloh — In anticipation of this event, the Rev A. D.
Montgomery was appointed to preside, preach, put
the Constitutional questions and make the ordaining
Prayer — Mr Doak to charge the people & Mr Smith
the Pastor. Mr McCuen to be alternate to
Mr Montgomery. McCurry to Mr Doak & Mr Ferrell
to Mr Smith. —

Adjourned to meet
at Shiloh on Friday before the
fifth Sabbath in May.
Concluded with prayer
& the benediction.
N. H. Harding
Stated Clerk.

Shiloh Friday May 27. 1842.
Presbytery met according to adjournment
& was opened with prayer.
Present Revs A. D. Montgomery
S. E. Smith. George Ferrell. D. G. Doak.
G. D. Mc. Cuen. Ministers. with
Mr Daniel Ruling Elder
Mr Anderson, the moderator,
being absent. Mr. Ferrell was chosen
moderator pro. tem. & S. N. Smith
Temporary Clerk.
Mr Doak informed Presbytery
that he had performed the duty
assigned him, see page 297.
The Chh of Shiloh then appeared before
Presbytery by their commissioner,
according to citation, & showing no
cause, why the request of Mr Doak
shd not be granted. See page 297 he have
leave to resign his pastoral charge
& the Chh of Shiloh was declared Vacant.

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A call from the Shilo Ch. for the pastoral services of Mr. Edward Hines, a licentiate, was laid before Presbytery & being found in order was put into the hands of Mr Hines & he having signified his acceptance of the same. It was determined to ordain & install Mr Hines tomorrow at Eleven A. M. Mr Hines was then examined on Greek Theology & the other branches required by the Confession & preached a Sermon from Rom. X. 4. previously assigned. All which was sustained as part of trial. Mr Hines having passed through all his trials according to the Book of discipline & to the satisfaction of Presbytery it was resolved that he shall be ordained tomorrow at Seven o'clock A. M & installed bishop

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of the Shilo church.

Adjourned till tomorrow Eleven A. M. Concluded with prayer

May 28. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as above, with the exception of Mr. Mc Queen. Mr John Bullock, a ruling Elder from Milbush took his seat in Presbytery.

Presbytery then proceeded to the order of the day, See last page.

Mr Montgomery presided. Preached the [redacted] Sermon from 1 Cor. 1:20. Offered the ordaining prayer having previously put the constitutional questions. Mr Smith gave a charge to the newly ordained & installed pastor & Mr Doak to the people.

Sheto May 1842
after which Mr Davis took his
Seat as a member of Presbytery
Mr Davis returnes the Call
from the Grassy Creek Chh. see page 297
Adjourned to meet at
Lexington on thursday before the
Meeting of the Synod of N.C.
at 7 P.M. Concluded with prayer.

N. H. Harding Sta Clerk.

Approved to the above page
Walter L. Pharr

Poplar Tent
Dec. 27th 1842.

Lexington

Minutes

Of the 145 Session of the Presbytery of Orange. held at Lexington October 1842.

Lexington. Oct. 20th 1842.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with a sermon by Rev. S. J. P. Anderson from Ps. 51. 14 & 15 vs. Constituted with prayer. Present Rev. W. D. Paisley. A. D. Montgomery. Jesse Rankin. A. Wilson. D. D. Daniel G. Doak. S. J. P. Anderson. Drury Lacy. John. A. Gretter. J. D. Paisley. W. N. Mebane. Edward Hines. G. D. McQueen. Ministers. With Wm Gattis

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Robert Ross. Robt Foster. Newton Wharton. John Kirkland. Elders. Absent Rev. E. B. Currie Wm. M. Pheiter D. D. John Witherspoon D. D. John H. Pickard. Elijah Graves. Elisha Mitchell. D. D. J. L. Graham. D. D. E. W. Carruthers. Thos Lynch. J. H. Smith. N. H. Harding. D. D. Robt Burwell. George Ferrell. Jas. Phillips. J. J. Eley. Daniel Stratton. Thos R. Owen. J. C. Rankin. Ministers.

Rev. D. Lacy was chosen Moderator & Rev. J. L. Gretter & W. N. Mebane Temp. Clerks. Adjourned till tomorrow 9. A.M. Closed with prayer

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Friday

~~Thursday~~ Oct 21. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer present as yesterday. Rev Stephen Frontis & F. Nash of the Concord Presy being present were invited to sit as Correspondiny members.

Presbytery heard a Communication in writing from the Rev E. B. Currie, in which he desired to be released from the pastoral charge of the Chh of the Hawfields & Cross-Roads. His request was granted & the Congregation declared Vacant. Notice of this to be given to the Chh by Rev W. D. Paisley.

Rev A. D. Montgomery requested to be released from the pastoral charge of the Carmel Church & the congregation concurring in the same his request

was granted & the Chh declared Vacant Rev J. Paisley to inform the Chh of the fact. Rev Elijah Graves requested by letter to be dismissed from this Presbytery to the Presy of Clinton. His request was granted. The pastoral relation between the Chh in Washington & the Rev Thos R. Dixon was by mutual consent dissolved & the Rev D. Stratton was directed to declare the Chh Vacant.

A. D. Montgomery & J. Paisley were appointed a Committee on supplies.

J. Rankin & J. J. P. Anderson on the minutes of the Gen Assembly.

A. Wilson & D. G. Mc Cuen to examine Candidates on personal piety.

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Tomorrow at 10 A.M. was appointed as the time for Conference & devotion.

The New-Hope Chh. was permitted to employ the Rev. J. Phillips as stated supply for one year. The Rev. S.L. Graham D.D. was dismissed to the West-Hanover Presy.

Mr. Hughes & Sutton were examined on natural & revealed theology. in part

The Committee appointed (see page 280.) to receive from S.S. Downey Esq. the legacy of Miss Ann Smith made a report which was received & referred to A. Wilson & R. Foster.

Rev. Mr. Crine of the Lutheran Chh. being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery heard Mr Sutton preach his trial sermon. which was sustained.

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Rev E.W. Carruthers & Mr R. Harris a ruling Elder from Allemance Chh. appeared in Presbytery.

Mr. Hughes & Sutton were further examined on theology.

Adjourned till tomorrow 9 A.M. Concluded with prayer.

Sat. Oct. 22. Presbytery met according to adjournment. present as yesterday. Opened with prayer.

The Committee on supplies made the following report which was adopted

Rev. D. Lacy one sabbath in Warrenton.
G.D. McCheun two sabbath in Washington.
J. Paisley & A.D. Montgomery one sab. each at Carmel. J. Witherspoon D.D. two in Washington. E. Hines one at Leesburgh.
D.G. Doak one at Little River & administer the Lords Supper.

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J. Witherspoon DD one Sab at Cross Roads.
A Wilson D.D. one at Haysfields
J. Witherspoon DD & J. Phillips one Sab.
Each at Murfreesboro & Dr. Witherspoon.
to administer the Lds supper.
A. Wilson D.D. J. A Gretter & E. W. Carruthers
each one Sab at Jerusalem.

J. P. Anderson to spend as much
time as is to him convenient in mis-
sionary labours in his own neighbourhood
J. Phillips D. Lacy & J. Witherspoon DD
one Sab. each at Pittsboro; & if practicable
tht Mr. Lacy administer the Lds supper.
Mr. Hughes two Sabbaths at the
Haysfields & two at Cross Roads
Mr. Sutton at Little River as often
as convenient.

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Mr Sutton was excused from reading
his latin exegesis, having lost his man-
uscript. Mr Hughes read his latin
exegesis which was referred to E. W. Carruthers
& E. Hines. Mr Sutton read a critical
exercise which was sustained.

A portion of time was spent in con-
ference & devotional exercises.

J. A. Gretter. W. D. Paisley & E. W. Carruthers
had leave of absence.

Mr. Hughes read a critical exercise
which was sustained

The Committee to whom was referred
the report of the Committee on the legacy
of the late miss Ann Smith, made
the following report which was adopted
& resolved. 1st Tht Rev. D Lacy be appointed
Trustee in behalf of this Presbytery to
receive the amount of the legacy from
Mr Doak, or whose hands it now is & tht he

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give him an adequate receipt for the same.

2. Tht this presbytery authorise the Rev. D. Lacy to receive the four shares of stock in the bank of Va. & draw the dividends accruing thereon until otherwise directed by the Presbytery.

3d. Tht this Presbytery do hereby pledge themselves, to indemnify Mr Lacy in any responsibilities he may be obliged to assume in the execution of the trust committed to him.

The committee on Mr Hughes exegesis reported in favour of sustaining it. Their report was adopted.

The Treasr made his report which was adopted & is as follows.

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"Report of Drury Lacy Treasurer of Orange Presbytery made this 15th Oct 1842.

To Contingent fund of Presbytery	48 06
" Commissioners Do	87 96
" Education Fund.	63 98.
" Domestic missionary fund.	119 74.
" Foreign Do. Do	178 34
" Contingent for St. C. of Synod.	9 00
" Do " G. Asbenbey	1 00
	$. 508 08.

Respectfully Submitted
D. Lacy. Treasr "

"Raleigh 15 Oct 1842.
The undersigned Committee having Examined the acct of the Treasurr of Orange Presbytery find the same Correctly kept & stated as above
(Signed) J. Brown. C Dewey. Commitee

Lexington Oct 2nd 1842.

Resolved that the next stated meetery be held in Clarksville on wednesday before the fourth sabbath in April 1843 at 7 in the evening.

The Presbytery heard mr Hughs preach his trial sermon which was sustained. Mr. Hughs & Sutton were examined on Ch. History.

Mr Hughs read a popular lecture which was sustained.

Mr Sutton & Hughs having passed through all their trials with approbation having been sustained in all the parts assigned them they were licensed to preach the gospel as probationers for the gospel ministry. Adjourned till Monday morning at 9 A. M. Concluded with prayer.

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Monday Oct 24 Presbytery met according to adjournment present as above opened with prayer. The report to Synod was read & approved. The overture sent down by the Gen Assembly respecting the section proposed to be added to Chapt 15 of our Form of Government, was considered & the Presbytery unanimously decided upon the proposed amendment or addition. The supplies appointed at last meeting made their reports.

On the roll being called it was found that the poor within our bounds were provided for. The Committee on the state of the Church was continued with directions to report to the next meeting in the spring.

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The ministers were required to give an account of their public labours - pastoral visitation - catechising of children & whether they gave themselves to study & reading. & such encouragement was given as deemed to be necessary.

Adjourned to meet at Synod at the call of the Moderator.

Concluded with prayer singing & benediction.

N. H. Harding
Stated Clerk.

Poplar Tent Oct 25 Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator and was opened with prayer Present Rev. Drury Lacy, J. Witherspoon D.D. Jose Rankin, Robt. Burwell, Alex. Wilson D.D. John H. Gaither, S. J. P. Anderson

Rev. J. Witherspoon D.D. Stated to Presbytery that he wished to spend some time in visiting the vacant congregations, & such others as might desire it, as a Missionary; Whereupon it was resolved that Presbytery approve of Dr. Witherspoon proposed tour of Missionary effort.

Adjourned to meet at Clarksville on the Wednesday before the 4th Sab. of Apl. 1843 at 4 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer

N. H. Harding. S. C.

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Presbytery met according to adjournment opened with a sermon by the moderator Rev Drury Lacy. Constituted with prayer

Present Rev. A. D. Montgomery N.H. Hardey. D.D. A. Wilson. D.D. Drury Lacy. D. G. Doak. G. D. McCuen. S. S. T. Anderson. Jo. Paisley. E. Hines. J. R. Owen

Ministers. With Sam[l] Tate Robt Donald. Wm Gattis. Daniel Hart John Speed. N. C. Read. George Williamson Elders.

Absent Rev. W. D. Paisley E. B. Currie. J. Witherspoon. D.D. J. H. Pickard. E. Mitchell. D.D. E. W. Caruthers. Jesse Rankin. Thos Lynch J. H. Smith Robt Burwell. G. Ferrell. Jas Phillips J. A. Grether. J. J. Ely. D. Stratton

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2. W. N. Mebane. Ministers.

The following named Chh. were not represented. Eno. Gilliad. Spreadwell. Gum Grove. Little River. Bethesda. Stoney Creek. Bethlehem. Bethel. Raleigh. Newbern. Washington. Greensboro. Murfreesboro. Carmel. Lewisburgh & Fairfield. Spring Garden.

Adjourned till tomorrow at nine. A. M. Concluded with Prayer.

N. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

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April 20 Presbytery met according to adjournment present as yesterday opened with prayer.

The Rev. Thomas R. Owen was chosen Moderator & A. Wilson D.D. & J. Sheed temporary clerks.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Wm. Carrington a ruling Elder from Spring Hill appeared & was enrolled a member of Presbytery.

Members absent from the last meeting were called on for their excuses.

The following Committees were appointed. viz. On Inspection Books Of the Books of Grassy Creek. Hawfields Red House. & Enfield. Montgomery & Donnel. Buffalo Nutbush - Gilead & Spreadwell Harding & Tate.

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Gum Grove - Little River. Alemance. & Bethesda. Lacy & Gallis.

Stoney Creek - Griers. Bethlehem & Rodes. New Hope - Bethel. Chapel Hill & Yancyville. Anderson & Speed.

Raleigh - Hillsboro - Newbern - Oxford. Spring Grove. Washington & Providence. Paisley & Heart.

Greensboro. Murfreesboro. Harmony. Milton. Danville & Lexington. Hinics & Read.

Carmel - Warrenton. Spring Garden Lewisburgh - Shilo Clarksville - High Rock. Fairfield & Spring Hill.

Mc Leod & Williamson.

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On Lubbies J. P. Anderson & Gates.
N. H. Harding & R. Donnell to examine
Candidates on personal piety.

Conference & Devotion was made the
order of the day for tomorrow 10 A.M.

A letter from Rev M. B. Hoke Secry
of the Board of Education was read &
referred to N. H. Harding to answer.

D. Lacy & A. Wilson were appointed
a committee to prepare a minute
on the death of Rev Wm Mc Pheeters D.D.

The Treasurer presented his report
which was referred to Carrington &
Williamson.

A. Wilson. J. P. Anderson & N. G
Read were appointed a committee
on the Boards of the Church

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Rev G. Ferrell appeared in Presbytery
& offered his excuse for his absence from
the last meeting this tardiness at this
which was not sustained.

Hugh Mc Cadden a ruling Elder
from Spring Grove appeared & was enrolled.

Resolved unanimously That a list
of all the Chh not represented in this
Presbytery be recorded on our minutes
& that unless they have been prevented
by providential circumstances, they
be Censured for their neglect of duty.

2. That the Stated Clerk publish this
list commencing the fact that they
are Censured.

3 That this be a standing rule.

Stratton. Owen. Harding. Doak. Bishop.
J. Wilson. J. V. Watkins & Garland.
Elders were nominated as candidates for
Commissioners to the Assembly.

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Rev. J. H. Smith appeared. his excuse for not being at the last meeting was not sustained. Thos H. Wiley a ruling Elder from Oxford was enrolled a member. Also John Wilson a ruling Elder from Milton. his excuse for absence was not sustained.

Rev. Robt Burwell appeared in Presbytery. John W. Norwood a ruling Elder from Hillsboro appeared. his excuse for tardiness was not sustained.

Resolved that the next Stated meeting be held at Yanceyville on thursday before the 2d Sabbath in October at 12 o'clock.

Ordered that the free conversation on the State of religion be held tomorrow at 3 P.M. J. Anderson & Norwood to take notes & prepare a narrative of the State of religion & a report on the same to be forwarded to the Assembly.

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Resolved that an adjourned meeting be held at Oxford on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in July at 7 P.M. to transact all such business of every kind that may then be brought before the Presbytery & moreover, if at that meeting the Chh at Oxford alone or any other Chh or Chhs shd present a call or calls for any licentiate under the care of this presbytery & the way shd be open for their ordination & installation. then the Rev. J. J. P. Anderson shall preach the sermon & propose the Constitutional questions. A. D. Montgomery alternate & Hines charge the pastor. Mc Cleon alternate. D. G. Deal charge the people. Forrell alternate

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The Churches of Milton & Canonpieu at the request of their respective Sessions were permitted to continue the Rev. A.H. Harding as stated supply.

On calling the roll it was found that the 3 Chapt of the Directory was observed by all the ministers present & that none of our ch members are supported by public charity & furthermore that most of our chs were making some efforts to circulate the book of the Board of Publication.

The treasurer reported a list of chs which had not paid their quotas to the Commissioners funds nor to the Contingent fund of the Assembly which was referred A. Wilson & R. Burwell.

The Committee to whom was referred the Treasurers accounts made the following report which was adopted. Viz

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That though the report exhibits fully the balance on hand as testified by the auditing Committee it is defective, inasmuch as it does not show a detailed account of moneys received & to what objects & to what amount they have been applied. Therefore the Presbytery cannot receive it at their time & in this form.

The Chhs of X Roads & Hawfields had leave to employ Mr. Hughes as supply till the stated meeting of the Presbytery. Rev. J. Rankin appeared & obtained reasons his late coming which were not sustained.

Wm Baird a ruling Elder from Harmony appeared. his reasons for being tardy were not sustained.

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D. Lacy was elected a trustee of the Caldwell Institute in the place of the Rev D S McPheeters deceased & the following persons were reelected for three years trustees of the same viz. J. Rankin. J Lynch, A Wilson D.D. Wm. Rankin. R J Smith. & Th. M. Lewis.

Mr Samuel Brown McPheeters was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. & was examined on experimental religion & his reasons for desiring the Gospel ministry. he was unanimously received & taken under the care of Presbytery.

Adjourned till tomorrow at nine o'clock A.M.

Closed with prayer.

N.H. Harding Stated Clerk.

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April 21. 1843 Presbytery met according to adjournment present as above Opened with prayer. Minutes of yesterday were read. The Rev Mr Campbell of the Methodist Ch. presented each member of presbytery with a copy of a pamphlet on the rite of confirmation. The thanks of Presbytery were given to Mr Campbell

The Report of the ex. committee of missions was read & accepted. Mr J. S. Downey a ruling elder from Grape Creek appeared & took his seat tho' not authorized by the Session they having neglected to make any appointment for delegates. whereupon it was resolved, that the Session of Grape Creek Ch. have neglected their duty in this case.

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The Rev. J. H. Smith informed Presbytery that he had organized a Ch in Vernon Co. to which the name Ahava had been given & requested that the same might be taken under the care of Presbytery but request was granted & he was authorized to act supply to the said Ch.

A part of the forenoon was spent in prayer & praise. L. L. Payn a ruling Elder from Lexington & John Bullock a ruling Elder from Natbush appeared & were enrolled as members.

The Report of the Trustees of the Caldwell Institute was received, read & adopted & is as follows. The Trustees of the Caldwell Institute respectfully submit the following Report.

I. The Institution retains its high reputation with an increase of public patronage. the number of students during the last year has been about 100.

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II. The Trustees have attended the examination during the last year, & the high grade of scholarship manifested by the students bears ample testimony to their diligence in study & to the ability & fidelity of the professors.

III. The Institution is still in debt & the Trustees would respectfully call the attention of the Presbytery to this subject.

IV. The tuition fees have, during the last year, more than paid the expenses of the Institution.

V. The number of the students is so large & the duties of the President & professors so arduous, that the Trustees have taken incipient measures to employ another instructor.

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VI. The Trustees cannot but fear that the Presbytery does not sufficiently estimate the value & importance of the Institution as an agency, which by the favour of God might confer a rich blessing on the chh. A revival of religion there, would soon fill our seminary with theological students & the chh with devoted ministers.

VII. The Trustees congratulate the Presbytery on the success which has attended their efforts thus far & hope they will take efficient measures to place the Institution on a permanent foundation.

By order of the Board
N. H. Harding } Committee
G. Williamson }

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D. Lacy was appointed Chairman of the ex committee of missions in place of the late D.D. McPheeters

Rev. Messrs. Williamson & Burwell were appointed a committee on the Female Scholarship & that Chr. Dewey, G. Simpson & S. P. Peters be an adjunct committee in Raleigh on the same subject

The following Reports on Session Books were received & adopted. viz

1. That the Session Books of Danville be approved to page 89. of Milton to page 160. of Harmony to page 16. with the exception that the last has no mutual receipt by pastor & Session respecting reciprocal duties. & further that the Session Books of Greensboro. Murfreesboro & Lexington have not been sent up. to Presbytery
2. That the Books of Clarksville. Spring Hill & Shiloh be approved. The Books of Carmel. Warrenton. Spring Garden. High Rock &

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Fairfield were not put into their hands.

3 That the Book of New Hope be altered to page 103. Ebenezer to page 16 & X Roads to page 154.

4. That the Books of Oxford, Newbern, Washington & Providence were not put into the hands of the Committee.

5 That the Books of Gum Grove, Little River, Allemance & Bethesda were not put into the hands of the Committee.

6 That the Books of Grier's Bethlehem, Bethel have not been sent to Presbytery.

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G. Williamson & Thos Wiley had leave of absence granted them from the remaining sessions. A Nelson & Steward were appointed to examine Mr. McPheeters on his Literary course, who subsequently reported that they had examined him on Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, English Grammar & Rhetoric & on their recommendation this examination was sustained.

Adjourned till tomorrow at 9. A.M. Concluded with prayer.

April 22 Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as yesterday. Opened with prayer. Minutes of yesterday were read. The committee to prepare a minute on the death of D.D. McPheeters made a report which was accepted & the Stated Clerk was directed to transmit a copy to Mrs McPheeters & to have the minute published in the Watchman of the

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Rev D. Stratton J.R. Owen. ministers were appointed Commissioners to the G. Assembly Harding & Deak alternate.

J. Wilson & J.S Watkins ruling Elders were also appointed. J. Garland alternate to either. The Com. on supplies made the following report which was adopted

Mr D. Paisley 2 Sabbaths at Spreadwell.
Gretbery 1 at Gum Grove. Lacy & Burwell one each at Chapel Hill. Owen one at Washington. Phillips two at Murfreesboro. Montgomery one at Warrenton. Dale

The Report of the committee on the Boards of the Ch. was received & adopted. Whereupon N.H. Harding DD was appointed agent for the Board of Education.

Drury Lacy for Domestic Missions.
A.D. Montgomery for Foreign Missions. &

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Robt Burwell for Board of Publication.

It was made the duty of these agents to attend to the general interests of the Boards of which they are the agents. To visit the Chs. & state of Collections. or urge the pastors & Sessions to that duty & also to bring the subject of their agencies before Presbytery at each stated meeting. These appointments to continue for one year.

Presbytery having learned through A.W. Venable Esq that there was a deficiency of $1500 in the current expenses of the Th. Seminary. Norwood Read & Lacy were appointed a committee to consider this subject who subsequently made the following report which was adopted. viz

Resolved That this Presbytery assume $300 of the above deficiency & that the same be assessed on the Chs. in the following proportion viz.

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Grassy Creek 25. Hoopfield 16. Red House, 6
Eno 4. Buffalo 6. Nutbush 5. Gilead 2.
Speedwell 3 Gum Grove 3 Little River 8
Abernance 8 Bethesda 5 Stancy Creek 3.
Grears 5. Bethlehem 2. X Roads 10 New Hope 5.
Bethel 6. Chapel Hill 5. Raleigh 15.
Yanceyville 8. Hillsboro 15. Newbern 15
Oxford 8 Spring Grove 4. Washington 15
Providence 5. Greensboro 10. Milton 12.
Danville 15. Lexington 5. Carmel 4.
Pennel 5. Lewisburgh 4 Spring Garden 5.
Shilo 10. Clarksville 15. High Rock 5.
Fairfield 4. 2 Spring Hill 12. 2 Harmony 5.

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The Committee on the State of religion presented a report which was adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly.

The Treasurer was directed to publish the names of the Chh which have failed to pay their assessments to the Commissioners fund, & to the Contingent fund of the Gen Assembly.

The State Clerk was directed to have printed such a number of blank Commissions as he may think necessary & to draw on the Treasurer for money to pay for the same. The the thanks of the Presbytery were presented to the Methodist Society for the use of their Chh & to the people of Clarksville for their hospitality

Adjourned to meet in Oxford on Friday before 2d Sabbath in July at 7 P.M. Closed with prayer & the benediction. N. H. Harding State Clerk.

Oxford July 7. 1843 Presbytery met according to adjournment Present Rev Daniel G. Doak & J. P. Anderson & Edward Haines Bishops with & L. Wortham & James M. Wiggins ruling Elders. Opened with prayer. Mr. Jacob Doll a licentiate was received by certificate from the Winchester Presbytery & taken under the care of this Presbytery.

A call for the pastoral services of mr. Doll from the Chh. of Oxford, was laid before Presbytery & being found in order was put into his hands. He having signified his acceptance of the same — Presbytery proceeded to Examine mr. Doll on Experimental religion — the Greek & Hebrew languages. Natural & revealed Theology — Chh. history & government & the Sacraments. All of which were was sustained as parts of trial ——

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Adjourned till tomorrow at 8. A. M. Concluded with prayer.

July 8 Presbytery met according to adjournment present as yesterday. Opened with prayer.

Mr. Doll read a Sermon on Phil. 1 b which was also sustained.

Mr Doll having passed through all his trials to the satisfaction of the Presbytery. it was resolved that he shd. be ordained at 11 O'clock. & at the same time installed Bishop of the Oxford Chh. Mr Anderson preach. — presides & put the constitutional questions &c. Mr Haines to charge the pastor & Doak the people. At eleven the presbytery proceeded to carry into effect the above resolution & Mr Doll was ordained by the prayer & the laying on of the hands of the presbytery & installed Bishop

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of the Oxford Chh & took his seat as a member of Presbytery At the request of the absent brethren in the ministry & in accordance with petitions from many sessions of Chh. it was resolved that the terms of the next Statia meeting be changed from the thursday before the second Sabbath to thursday before the third Sabbath in October at 7 P. M.

A call from the chh in Lewisburgh for the pastoral services of Rev Jacob Doll in union with the Oxford Chh was laid before Presbytery & being found in order was put into the hands of Mr Doll the having signified his acceptance of the same it was resolved that he shd be installed pastor of the Lewisburgh Chh on Friday before the third Sabbath in September & that Drury Lacy D. D. Doak & E. Currie be a committee to perform

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this service.

Adjourned to meet at Yanceyville on thursday before the third Sabbath in October at 7 P. M. Closed with prayer.

N. H. Harding Statia Clerk.

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Yanceyville October 12th 1843. —

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Revd Drury Lacy (the last Moderator present) constituted with prayer.

Present — The Revd A. D. Montgomery, Isaac Rankin, Thomas Lynch, N. H. Harding, Drury Lacy, Robert Burwell, George Ferrell, Jno. A. Gretter, W. N. Mebane, S. J. P. Anderson, John Paisley & Jacob Doll — Ministers with Samuel Kerr, Samuel Turrentine, John Jones, Shelby Curry, Elijah Pickard, Green D. Jordan, G. A. Fawcett, O. F. Long, N. M. Lewis, Jno. W. Paxton, John L. Lesueur, & Alexander McAlpin — Ruling Elders —

Absent — Revd William D. Paisley E. B. Curry, John Witherspoon E. Mitchell E. W. Caruthers, James Phillips, Thomas J. R. Owen, D. G. Doak, J. J. Ely, A. D. McEuen, D. Stratton & Edwd Henry Hall — Ministers. —

Adjourned till tomorrow 9 A.M. — Closed with Prayer. —

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October 13th 1843 — Presbytery met according to adjournment. — Opened with prayer. —

Present as above, with William D. Paisley — Revd John Paisley was chosen Moderator. S. Curry & J. Doll temporary clerks — Letters of excuse from Revd D. Stratton & J. Phillips were read and their reasons for absence from the present Sessions were sustained.

The Revd J. J. Ely was at his own request dismissed to join the Presbytery of Elizabethtown. —

The Churches of Raleigh & Bethle were censured for not being represented in the last stated meeting. —

Mr Henry Hughes a ruling Elder from Fairfield was enrolled as a member — Burwell & Jordan were appointed a Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly — Mebane & Long on Supplies — Lacy & Jordan to examine Candidates on personal piety. —

The Stated Clerk was directed to subscribe for a copy of the old Minutes of the Assembly. —

Glancyville October 1843.

Devotional exercise made the order of the day for tomorrow 9 A.M. — D. Lacy from the Committee appointed to install J. Dale Pastor of the Church of Lewisburg reported that they had performed that duty. Rev^d A. Wilson appeared in Presbytery

The following were assigned to S. B. McPheeters as parts of trial. 1st For Latin exegesis "An est discrimen inter Episcopum et Presbyterium". — 2^d Critical exercise John 3^d chapter 3^d-5 verses inclusive — 3^d Lecture Ps. 32 — 1-5 inclusive — 4 Sermon. Revelations 22^d 17^th —

A call from the Little River Church for the Pastoral services of Mr. William C. Sutton was laid before Presbytery & being found in order was put into the hands of Mr. Sutton. — Calls from the Churches of Cross Roads & Hawfields for the services of Mr. A. G. Hughes were read & being found in order were put into his hands. — A call from the Church of Lexington for the services of the Rev^d Thomas R. Owen was read & found in order & the stated Clerk was directed to transmit

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the same to Mr. Owen. —

Resolved that the next stated meeting of Presbytery be held in Madison on Friday before the 3^d Sabbath in April 1844 at 12 o'clock A.M.

The Treasurer presented his report which was referred to J. L. Leseuer & A. M. Lowry. — Wilson & Ferrell were directed to prepare a minute on the death of the Rev^d S. A. Smith — Mr. Dalton a member of the New Hope Church was introduced to Presbytery as a Candidate for the Ministry & was examined as to his acquaintance with experimental religion & also his motives for desiring the office of the Ministry — his examination was sustained and he was received under the care of Presbytery — The Treasurer was directed to write to all the Churches which have failed to pay their assessment to the Union Theological Seminary — The Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly made a report which was accepted —

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Resolved that an intercolutory meeting be held tomorrow at 11 Oclock A.M. —

Lesueur, Garland, Lacy & Harding were appointed a Committee to enquire into the present situation of the Ann Smith legacy. Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 A.M. — Closed with Prayer. —

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Presbytery met according to adjournment. opened with Prayer —

Present as above —

The order of the day was then taken up, and the Presbytery spent some time in devotional exercises —

Mr. Lesueur from the committee to examine the Treasurers accounts reported that they found the same correctly kept — Report accepted. —

Mr. Mebane from the Committee on supplies made the following report — which was accepted. (to wit)

" Rankin one sabbath at Spedwell —

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Lacy one at Chapel Hill, Phillips one at Pittsborough — Sutton one at Carmel — Hines & Ferrell one each at Shaw. —

Mr Sutton having signified his acceptance of the call from the Little River Church, Presbytery appointed an adjourned meeting to be held at said Church on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in November at 12 Oclock A.M. to ordain and install him, provided the way be open. — Harding to preside preach the Sermon, and propose the Constitutional questions — Lyon & alternate — Grether to give the charge to the Pastor — Phillips alternate — Burwell to charge the People — Read alternate — Gal. 6 — 15 was appointed as the subject of a trial sermon for Mr Sutton. —

Mr Hughes having signified his acceptance of the calls placed in his hands — Presbytery appointed an adjourned meeting to be held at Haw-fields Church on Friday the 20th instant at 11 Oclock A.M. to ordain and install him Pastor of the Cross Roads & (Haw)

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Hawfields Church — the Rev. William D. Paisley to preside, put the Constitutional questions and give the charge to the Pastor — Nelson to charge the people Lynch to preach the sermon — Curry, Boswell & Philips alternates — John 15 — 5 — was appointed as the subject of a trial sermon for Mr. Hughes

The following parts of trial were appointed for Mr. John Bingham — For Latin Exegesis Ge-Angelis. For critical exercise Heb. 10th 1st to 10 inclusive — Lecture 1. Ps. — Sermon Rom. 10 — 4th —

The Rev. Jno H. Pickard appeared & gave his excuse for ~~absence~~ tardiness in attending this meeting and for absence from the last two meetings of Presbytery.

Presbytery held an entertaining meeting —

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted. (to wit) — Inasmuch as it seems expedient and necessary to erect a building for the use of the Presbyterian Church at Chapel Hill — therefore Resolved that the Rev. James Philips be invited to (visit)

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visit our Congregations for the purpose of raising the necessary funds and the members of this Presbytery pledge themselves to afford him support and encouragement in this cause. —

Doct. Nelson from the Committe to prepare a minute on the death of the Rev. Samuel H. Smith offered the following, which was accepted — (to wit

"At the last stated meeting of our Presbytery we were called on to record the death of a venerable father and now it has become our duty again to notice the decease of a beloved brother the Rev. S. H. Smith —

It would be doing ourselves injustice and the cause of God in that branch of the Church with which we are connected were we to pass such an event without noticing it on our records — Brother Smith was more remarkable perhaps for his humility & devotional spirit than any other trait of Christian character — but such was the integrity of his life and consistency of Christian deportment, that, it is believed, that all who knew (him)

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him had proved confidence in her genuine piety. But since it has pleased the great Head of the Church who does all things after the Counsels of his own will to remove him from his labours here on earth to the enjoyment of the Kingdom of glory it becomes us to bow with the deepest reverence & submission, ~~earnestly~~ to pray to the Lord to raise up others in his stead who may still declare to perishing sinners salvation through the blood of a Saviour. —

Mr. Lemmon from the Committee to enquire into the State of the Ann Smith legacy made the following report which was accepted to wit — "We to whom the subject of the Ann Smith legacy was referred do recommend to the Presbytery of Orange as follows (to wit)

Resolved that the Treasurer do apply to the Executor of Ann Smith, and ascertain if the name in the will is the same as that in the deeds and if it is, then that he procure proof and satisfy the Court of the County where the will is recorded or some other Court of (record)

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record that Nehemiah H. Harding of Milton Caswell County North Carolina is the person meant by the Testatrix in her will, and have the same certified according to Law. All which is respectfully submitted

The Assessment on the Ishured of Louisburg for the Commissioners Fund was changed from four to two dollars. — Resolved, that an adjourned meeting be held in Raleigh during the session of the Synod at the call of the Mod.r

Resolved that the thanks of this Presbytery be presented to the Citizens of Yanceyville for their kindness & hospitality and also to the Baptist and Methodist Churches for the use of their houses of Worship. —

Adjourned to meet at ~~Rob~~ following the ~~Sess~~ ~~of the Synod at the Close of the~~ ~~session~~ ~~after~~ at Hawfields on 20th Inst.

Closed with Prayer & the Apostolic benediction. —

N. H. Harding Stated Clerk.

Synod of N. C. in Session
Examined and approved up to
this page James Phillips
Moderator
Raleigh Nov. 4th 1843.

Oct
Haywood Nov 2d 1843

At the hour to whe the Presbytery stood adjourned a quorum was not present, the members present adjourned till tomorrow A. A. M.
Oct 21. Presy met. Present E. B. Currie. J. Lynch. R. Burwell ministers. With S. Kerr & G. Mebane Elders. J. Lynch was chosen mod. & G. Mebane Clerk.
Mr A. G. Hyha was examined with reference to his ordination as directed in the form of Government Chapt XV. Section VI. all his examinations being sustained, he was ordained by the laying on of the Presbytery & installed pastor of the Haywood chh. J. Lynch preached. R. Burwell presided & put the constitutional questions & gave the charge to the pastor & E. B. Currie charged the people.
Adjourned to meet in Raleigh at the call of the moderator
Closed with prayer.
N. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

Raleigh November 3d 1843

Presbytery met according to adjournment at the call of the Moderator. — Constituted by Prayer —

Present The Revd John Paisley, John Witherspoon D.D. J. Dobb, James Phillips, Robert R. Burwell, E. W. Caruthers, Edwd Steves, D. Stratton, A. Wilson D.D. J. R. Owen, N. H. Harding, J. J. P. Anderson & J. A. Gretter Ministers — with A. G. Fairly W. R. D. Lindsay, A. Hargrave, S. Kirkland, & William Peace Ruling Elders. —

Mr Edward C. Billinger a licentiate of the Presbytery of Baltimore was on Certificate received under the care of this Presbytery. —

A communication was received from the Elders of the Church of Washington, requesting the ordination of Mr. Billinger, which was referred to a Committee consisting of Revd Messrs Burwell, Stratton & Dr. Wilson

Mr Nelson G. Graves a member of the Church at Raleigh was introduced to Presbytery as a Candidate for the Ministry & was examined on his experimental (acquaintance)

acquaintance with religion and his views in seeking the gospel ministry & was unanimously received under the care of this Presbytery—

A call from the Church of Greensborough for the Pastoral services of the Rev. John A Gretter was laid before Presbytery & being found in order was put into his hands & he having signified his acceptance of the same, the following Committee were appointed to install him on Friday before the next regular meeting of Presbytery (to wit) Rev. William D. Paisley to preside & put the Constitutional questions— Rev. Drury Lacy to preach the sermon— N. H. Harding to give the charge to the people & A. Wilson to give the charge to the Pastor— E. W. Caruthers to be alternate to any one of the Committee who may be absent—

The Rev. Thos Owen having signified his acceptance of the Call from the Church of Lexington (see Page 360.) Messrs Harding, Wilson & Montgomery & Anderson were appointed a Committee

(to)

to install him Pastor of said Church on Saturday before the 3 Sabbath in December next.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Washington made the following report which was adopted

Resolved. 1. That it is inexpedient to ordain Mr Bittinger, sine Titulo

2. That Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting in Washington on Friday before the 2 Sabbath in December, for the purpose of ordaining & installing Mr. Bittinger Pastor of the Church, provided the way be clear— It being understood that a call will then be presented. Rev J. Phillips to preside & preach the sermon. D. Lacy charge the Pastor & J. Dobb the people

Kinney, Stratton & Burwell alternates.

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Mr. Daniel Towles a member of the Raleigh Chh. was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. His Examination on personal piety & reasons for seeking the ministry being unanimously sustained he was taken under the care of Presbytery.

The following subjects were assigned to Mr. Graves as parts of trial.

"Quid est peccatum originale" for a Latin Exegesis. Heb 6th. 1st to 3. for a critical exercise. Adjourned to meet at the call of the moderator. Closed with prayer

Nov 4. Presbytery met according to adjournment present as above. Opened with prayer. The following Committee was appointed to install A. G. Hughes pastor of the Crab Roads Church on Saturday before the first Sabbath in

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Decr. John Pressley to preside & charge the pastor. Lynch alternate. R. Burwell charge the people. J. Witherspoon alternate.

Mr Bittinger was directed to prepare a sermon on Rom. 5th. 11th as a part of trial for ordination.

The Committee on the Female Scholarship was continued & directed to ~~make~~ report at the next Stated meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Little River Chh. on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in November. at 12. Meridian.

Closed with prayer.

N. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

Little River Nov. 1843.

Friday Nov. 24 1843

A quorum not being present adjourned till monday 9 A. M.

Nov. 27th A. M. Presbytery met Constituted with prayer. Present R. Burwell. J. A. Grotter A. G. Baker ministers. J. M. Woods ruling Elder. Mr. W. C. Sutton was examined in reference to his ordination, on Experimental religion Mental & moral Philosophy. Natural & revealed Theology. The Sacraments. Chh. history. Chh. Government. & on the Greek & Hebrew Languages, all who were sustained. Presbytery did then ordain mr. Sutton & install him pastor of the Little River Chh according to the form of Government Chap. XV. R. Burwell presided. preached & put the constitutional questions. & J. A. Grotter gave the charge to the pastor & people Adjourned to meet at Washington on—

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Friday before the second Sabbath in December 1843.

Concluded with prayer

N. F. Harding Stated Clerk.

Washington Decr 1843.

Washington Decr 8 1843. The time for the meeting of Presbytery having arrived a quorum not being present adjourned till tomorrow 9. A.M.

Decr 9. Presbytery met present Rev. Jas Phillips D. Lacy. D. Stratton. J. Doll. ministers. & Joseph Potts Ruling Elder. Constituted with prayer. A Call from the Washington Chh for pastoral services of Mr Edmund C. Bittinger which being in order was put into his hands the having signified his acceptance of the same, Presbytery proceeded to examine him with a view to his ordination After some progress Presbytery adjourned till monday 9. A.M. Concluded with prayer.

Decr 11. Presbytery met present as above. opened with prayer. Examination of Mr. Bittinger was continued — Presbytery having examined Mr Bittinger on all parts of trial according to Form of Government Chap. XV. Section XI. & having sustained the same.

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did then ordain him & install him pastor of the Washington Chh according to Form of Government Chap. XV. Rev. Jas Phillips preached the sermon D. Lacy put the constitutional questions & gave the charge to the pastor. J. Doll. gave the charge to the people. Mr. Bittinger was enrolled as a member. Presbytery adjourned to meet at Madison. on the 1st of April 1844. Concluded with prayer & the benediction.

S. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

Minutes of the 148th Session of the Presbytery of Orange held at Madison April 12th 1844.

Madison April 12th 1844.

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with a Sermon by Rev. John Paisley Moderator, from 1st Cor. 3 Ch. 14 V. — Constituted with prayer.

Present — The Revd E.W. Caruthers, J. Rankin, J. Lynch, N.H. Harding, A. Wilson, D. Lacy, J.A. Chester, W.N. Mebane, J. Paisley, E. Hines, J. Wood, A.G. Hughes, W.C. Sutton, S.J.P. Anderson, J.A. Pickard, Ministers — with Messrs Murray, H. Shaw, Jno. Norwood, C. Mebane, W.M. Lewis, John W. Paxton, Alfred M. Scales, John Annis, Stephen Neal, Elijah Denny — Ruling Elders. —

Absent — Revd W.D. Paisley, E.B. Currey, John Witherspoon D.D. E. Mitchell D.D. A.D. Montgomery, A. Barnwell, G. Ferrell, J. Philips, J.R. Owen, D.G. Doak, G.D. McQueen, D. Stratton, E.C. Bittinger. —

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Rev^d Edward Hines was elected Moderator and Jacob Doll & Stephen Neal temporary Clerks. —

The Minutes of Presbytery were then read. —

A letter was received from Rev^d A. D. Montgomery presenting an excuse for absence at this meeting of Presbytery — His excuse was not sustained. —

Messrs Carruthers & Hines presented their excuses for absence from the last regular meeting of Presbytery which were sustained. —

The two following Committees were appointed for the examination of Sessional records. C. Carruthers, Hughes, Amis & Lewis — J. Gratter, Sutton, Sealey & Paxton. —

Rev^d A. Wilson & J. M. Norwood were appointed a Committee on the examination of Candidates. —

Anderson & Murry on supplies. —

Resolved that the Churches of Greers & Alamance have not done their duty in neglecting to send up their Sessional records at the last spring meeting of Presbytery ~~and was sustained~~. —

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A letter was received from the Rev^d D. G. Doak presenting an excuse for absence from this meeting of Presbytery, which was sustained. —

A letter was received from the Church of Carmel requesting Presbytery to dissolve their organization & to direct their names to be enrolled as members of Spring Hill Church — the request was granted & the Church was accordingly dispolved. —

A letter was received from Mr. Alex^r Henry President of the board of education, which was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev^d A. A. Harding & C. Mebane. —

Resolved that 10. O'Clock to-morrow be appointed as the hour for religious exercises & conference. —

The following members of Presbytery were nominated as Commissioners to the next General Assembly, to wit S. J. P. Anderson, J. A. Gratter, C. M. Carruthers, J. Doll, J. Paisley & E. Hines Ministers — and Messrs Robert Donnell, A. M. Lewis & W. M. Lewis Ruling Elders. —

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The Committee appointed to install Revd J. A. Gretter as Pastor of the Church of Greensborough reported that they had performed that duty, at the time and place as directed, according to the rules laid down in our form of Government which report was accepted —

The Committee appointed to install Revd A. G. Hughes as Pastor of Crop Roads Church report that owing to the inclemency of the weather they were prevented from performing the duty assigned them which report was accepted & Committee discharged —

Resolved that Messrs Wilson Steines Burwell & Lynch be appointed a Committee to install the Revd A. G. Hughes as Pastor of Crop Roads Church on the first Saturday in May next — Wilson to Preside & charge the people — Steines to charge the Pastor and Messrs Burwell & Lynch to be the alternates to each —

A call was presented from the Bethel Church for the Pastoral services of the Revd J. A. Gretter which being found in order was placed in the hands of Mr Gretter —

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The education Committee were directed to pay the board of Henry Hardie at the Caldwell Institute during the last Session —

Resolved that to morrow at 4 O Clock be appointed as the hour for free conversation on the state of religion —

The Committee appointed to install the Revd T. R. Owen Pastor of the Church in Lexington report that they were prepared to perform that duty, but that they did not attend at Lexington in consequence of having heard from Mr Owen that he felt it to be his duty to retire from that field of labour, & consequently to decline the call of which he had previously expressed his acceptance —

Presbytery adjourned until 9 O Clock to morrow morning —

Closed with Prayer —

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Saturday Morning 9 O'clock

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was opened with prayer. —

Doct. Harding & Mr. Norwood were appointed a Committee to nominate Teachers to the Caldwell institute. —

Rev. J. A. Gaither having signified his acceptance of the call from Bethel Church. the following Committee consisting of Messrs Hughes, Carruthers & Lyon was appointed to install him as the Pastor of said Church on Saturday before the 4 Sabbath in May next. The Rev. W. Hughes to preach the sermon, Mr. Carruthers to preside & put the constitutional questions & give the charge to the Pastor — the Rev. Mr. Lyon to give the charge to the people. —

Leave of Absence was granted to Messrs Gaither & Denny from the remaining Sessions of Presbytery.

The hour for religious exercises & conference having arrived, Presbytery spent a short season in attending to those duties. —

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The 1st Committee appointed for the examination of Sessional records made a report which was accepted and is as follows (to wit.

The Committee appointed to examine the Session books of Grassy Creek, Hawfields, Red House, Eno, Buffalo, Nutbush, Gilead, Spadwell, Guerns Grove, Little River, Remance, Bethesda, Stony Creek, Bethlehem, Cross Roads & New Hope, Report that only two of these books have been put into their hands (viz), those of Cross Roads and Little River — They find the records of the Cross Roads Church correctly kept & recommend that the book be approved to Page 162.

2d that the records of Little River are in the main correctly kept & recommend that they be approved to page 30 —

The 2d Committee appointed for the examination of Sessional records made a report which was accepted and is as follows (to wit.

1st That the Sessional books of Bethel, Raleigh Newbern, Spring Grove, Washington, Providence,

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Murfreesborough, Harmony, Lexington, Fairfield Spring Hill & Lancaster have not been presented to the Committee —

2d That those of Milton, Hillsborough, Greensboro, be approved. —

3d That the books of Shilo, Oxford, Clarksville, Danville, & Spring Garden be approved with the following exceptions

1st that it does not appear from the records that the meetings of the Sessions of Shilo, Oxford & Clarksville, were opened & closed with Prayer — 2d there is no certificate of the discharge of reciprocal duties in the Session Books of Shilo, Oxford & Spring Garden.

3d that in the Session Book of Danville there is no receipt from the Pastor showing that his Salary has been paid.

Messrs Jno. A. Sneller, Wm Paisley, D. Lacy, Geo. Williamson, J. Mebane sen & Giles Mebane were elected trustees of Caldwell institute for three years —

Dr. Long presented his resignation as (Trustee)

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Trustee of Caldwell institute which was not accepted

Mr. F. Shaw claimed leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of Presbytery

Resolved that the next stated meeting of Presbytery be held at Leasburg on Thursday before the Sabbath which precedes the meeting of the Synod at Fayetteville

The Committee on the state of the Church was discharged. —

The Committee on Domestic Missions made a verbal report which was accepted. —

Resolved that the Stated Clerk be directed to have a number of Copies of the standing rules printed & distributed among the Churches —

The Committee on supplies made a report which was accepted, and is as follows, to wit

that A. Wilson & W. D. Paisley preach each one Sabbath at Lexington, Mr Paisley two Sabbaths at Rock Hall, Lynch two at same place. Phillips one Sabbath at Pittsboro — Wilson & Lacy two each one Sabbath at Green Grove — Ferrell & Sutton to preach (and)

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and administer the Sacrament at Athens on the fifth Sabbath in June.

The following Supplies were appointed for the Commissioners to the General Assembly, to wit A. D. Montgomery at Danville, on the 2d Sabbath in May — S. Paisley at the same place on the 4th Sabbath. — D. G. Deak to supply Shiloh 2d Sabbath in May — A. H. Harding the 3d Sabbath. —

Rev. A. H. Harding was continued agent for the Board of Education. —

The Committee to whom the letter from the Board of Education was referred made the following report which was accepted & to wit

1st Resolved that this Presbytery cordially concur in the sentiments expressed in the letter. —

2d That a pious & educated Ministry is of vital importance to the best interest of the Church

3d That the raising up of such a ministry ought to engage the affections the Prayers and

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the labours of pious people. —

4th That this subject ought to be presented more frequently & fully before our Churches by able & faithful Ministers. —

5 That the attention of the Elders is especially called to this subject. —

The Rev. A. H. Harding, D. G. Mebane & S. J. P. Anderson were appointed a Committee to make out a report to the General Assembly on the state of religion in the bounds of this Presbytery. —

Mr. Nelson Gilmore a Candidate presented a Latin exegesis & a critical exercise on Heb. 6 Chap. 1 & 3 verses which being sustained were sustained as parts of trial. —

The report of the Trustees of the Caldwell institute, was read, accepted & ordered to be filed.

Upon calling the roll it appeared that the 3d rule of the Directory had been observed by all the Ministers present. —

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The following parts of Creed were assigned to Mr Leland of Brunswick 1st Article for a popular lecture Romans 5th Chap 1st Verse for a Sermon

Resolved that the Ministers which have neglected to send up their annual reports are guilty of a breach of duty to this Presbytery.

The Treasurer presented his report which was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs Rowland, Lewis & Rankin

Bishops, D. J. A. Anderson & E. Stokes were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly - John Paisley & John A. Gwaltney alternates. Elders Warner M. Lewis & R. Donnell - W. M. Lewis alternate to either.

Adjourned till 8 O'clock on monday morning

Closed with Prayer.

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Monday Morning 8 O'clock

Presbytery met according to adjournment

Opened with Prayer.

The Report on the state of Religion was read, accepted and the Stated Clerk was directed to forward it to the General Assembly.

The Committee to whom was referred the Treasurers accounts, reported that they found the same correctly kept & accompanied by the proper vouchers. Report adopted.

The Stated Clerk was directed to send a copy of the action of Presbytery to all the Churches which failed to send up Sessional Reports.

Mr Burwell was continued agent for the Board of Publication.

Mr Mebane was authorized to organize a Church in Stokes County wherever he & his Session may think it advisable.

D. Lacy was continued agent for the Board of Domestic Missions

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Mr. Mebane was directed to return the thanks of this Presbytery to the Methodist congregation for the use of their Church & to the people of Madison & the vicinity for their hospitality. —

On calling the roll it appeared that Messrs Rankin, Lynch, Pickard & Steele were absent without leave.

Adjourned to meet in Louisburg at 12 O Clock A.M. On thursday before the 4th Sabbath which precedes the meeting of the Synod of North Carolina at Fayetteville —

Closed with Prayer & the Benediction —

N. H. Harding. S. t. Clerk.

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Minutes of the 149. Sessions of the Presbytery of Orange held in Louisburgh. Oct. & Nov. 1844.

Louisburgh Oct. 31. 1844. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with a sermon by Rev. Edward Hines. Mod. Constituted with prayer. Present Rev. N. H. Harding D.D A. Wilson. D.D. Drury Lacy. Robt. Burwell. G. Ferrell. J. J. F. Anderson. John Paisley. C. Hines. Jacob Doll. A. G. Hughes. W. C. Hatton. 2. day A. D. Mcgormey. J. A. Gretter. Ministers. J. P. Faucett. James Wilson. & 2. day R. V. Watkins. F. Black. Robt. Redden. Alfred Scales. Elders.

Absent. Rev. W. D. Paisley. E. B. Currie. J. Witherspoon. D.D. J. H. Pickard. E. Mitchell D.D. E. W. Carruthers. J. Phillips. J. R. Owen. D. G. Doak. D. Stratton. W. N. Mebane. I. E. G. Bittinger. Richard. Thos Lynch & Jesse Rankin

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Rev. A. G. Hughes was chosen moderator
& J. F. P. Anderson & J. R. Faucett Jomh. clerks.
Minutes of the last meeting were read.
Rev. Joseph Mahan of the Presy. of New-
Brunswick, on invitation, took a seat as a
corresponding member.
The following Committees were appointed
On Mun. of G. Assembly R. Burwell. J
J. Wilson. Stephens Lake & Doll.
Examining Candidates on personal piety
Wilson & Harding
On the death of Rev G. D. Mc Cleeen.
Wilson & Pacoley
Church Extention Anderson & Harding

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Mr Henry Hardie a member of the chh.
in Raleigh was received ~~as~~ as a candidate
for the Ministry.
Rev A. Wilson from the Committee to install
Rev. A. G. Hughes pastor of the Grafs Roads
Chh. reported, that in the absence of the
other members of the Com. they feeling
to attend he had performed the duty
assigned. Report accepted.
The Treasurer presented his report
which was referred to R. V. Watkins & F. Leach
who subsequently reported that they found
the same correctly cast & accompanied
with the proper Vouchers

Adjourned till tomorrow 9 A.M
Concluded with prayer

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Nov. 1. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. present as yesterday. The Rev. A. D. Allgoomery requested ~~leave~~ leave to resign the pastoral charge of the Spring-Hill church. It appearing that the Chh. had not, by a formal vote relinquished their right to a citation by the presbytery - but it also appearing that the members of the chh were consulted individually & agreed to make no opposition to the request of Mr Allgoomery, being willing that he shd resign - his request was granted ~~A part of the forenoon was spent in prayer & exhortation~~ & the Chh. declared vacant. A part of the morning was spent in prayer praise & exhortation.

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The report of the agent for Domestic Mission, was made the order of the day for tomorrow 10 A. M.

The Treasurer was directed to pay Rev E. Haines, one of the commissioners to the last General Assembly. £15 being the amount due him for expenses in attending the same. Resolved that the next stated meeting of Presbytery be held in Dartmouth on wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in April 1845. at 7 P. M.

The committee on Supplies made the following report which was adopted. viz

Rev. Dobbs & Sutton. Gum Grove. N. D. Quinlan & Wilson. Murrichboro. Phillips & Bissinger. Warrenton. Haines & Doak. Spring Hill. Doll & Anderson. High Falls. Gretter & Hughes. Pictou Burwell & Mitchell.

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The Commissioners to the last Assembly made their report which was accepted.

The agent for Education made his report which was accepted. Animated addresses were made on the subject by Revr. J. A Gretter & J. J. P. Anderson.

The review of ministerial duty, see page 283 was then begun & continued. Still on motion. Adjourned till tomorrow

J. A M. Closed with prayer.

Nov 2. Presby met according to adjournment & opened with prayer. present as above. J. J P. Anderson was appointed to declare the Spring Hill chh. Vacant.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to install the Revr. J. A. Gretter pastor of the Bethel Chh reported that they had failed to perform that duty. Report accepted & committee discharged

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Revr. J. Paisley A. Wilson D.D. & A. G. Hughes were appointed to install the Revr. J. A. Gretter pastor of the Bethel chh. on Saturday before the Fourth (4) Sabbath in march. Wilson to preside & preach the installation sermon. Hughes give the charge to the pastor. & Paisley to the people.

The committee on chh. Extension made the following report which was accepted viz. That while the subject is of great importance & worthy of the patronage of the chhs. yet owing to the peculiar circumstances of the chhs. under our care, it is not advisable to take any action on the subject at present.

The agent for domestic Missions presented a report, accompanied by a series of resolutions, on which addresses were made by Revr. Mr Mahan. Anderson & Wilson. Report accepted.

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The Presbyterial Report to Synod was read by the Stated Clerk & adopted—

The review of ministerial duty was concluded.

The committee on the minutes of the Assembly made the following report which was accepted. Namely

That there is nothing in the minutes requiring any action by the Presbytery which has not been taken—

Resolved that the following be the order of time in which the collections for the boards of the chh shall be made. January. February. March for Education— April. May & June for Foreign Missions— July. August & September— Domestic Missions— October November & December. Board of Publication

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The committee on the death of Rev George D. McQueen made a report which was accepted & adopted.

Resolved, that when the Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Fast day at the call of the moderator.

The roll being called it was found that the Scriptures were read according to the directory, & the children generally catechised.

The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to the Methodist Society for the use of their house of worship & to the citizens of Louisburgh for their hospitality.

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Resolutions respecting Rev John Witherspoon D.D.
were passed.

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Adjourned to meet on Fayetteville at Synod
at the call of the moderator. Closed with prayer
& the benediction.

N H Harding. Stated Clerk.

Fayetteville Nov. 9th. 1844. Presbytery met
according to adjournment constituted with
prayer present A. G. Hughes. D. Lacy. D. Stratton.
E. Kirkus & J. Dobb ministers. & Jesse Brown—
Elder. There being no business. Adjourned
to meet in Danville on wednesday before
the fourth Sabbath in April 1845.
Closed with prayer
N H Harding S C.

Minutes of the 150th Sessions
of the Presbytery of Orange held
at Danville April 1845

Danville April 23. 1845
Presbytery met according to adjournment
opened with a sermon by Rev A. G. Hughes
moderator constituted with prayer
Present Rev. John H. Pickard A. D. Mont-
gomery Jesse Rankin Thomas Lynch
N. H. Harding D.D. Alexander Wilson D.D
Drury Lacy Robert Burwell John A.
Grattan William N. Mebane S. J. P.
Anderson John Paisley Edward Hines
Jacob Doll Anderson C. Hughes
William C. Sutton Ministers

~~With~~ Stephen White Thomas Wilkinson
John L. Wood Stephen Neil Hugh Ector
John W. Norwood Watson Wharton
William Baird Martin P. Huntington

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John Dickenson Henry Dusenbury
John J. Speed John Wilkinson Richard
S. Watkins Edward Montgomery James
Mebane Hugh McCaddon Thos Wilie Elders.

Absent Rev.
William D Paisley Ezekiel B. Currie
John Witherspoon D.D. Elisha Mitchell D.D.
Eli W. Caruthers George Ferrel James
Phillips Thomas P. Owen Daniel J. Doak
Daniel Stratton Edmond C. Bittinger

Adjourned till tomorrow morning
nine Oclock
Closed with Prayer

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April 23. Presbytery met according to adjournment Opened with prayer. present as above. W. N. Mebane was chosen moderator Jesse Rankin & M. S. Huntington. Tem. Clerks Minutes of last meeting were read.

A Letter from D. Stratton, was read in which he gave satisfactory reasons for his absence from this meeting. Absentees from the last meeting were called.

The following committees were appointed. On Session Books. First Committee J. A. Gretter J. Paisley J. W. Norwood & R. V. Watkins to examine the books from Grassy Creek to Hillsboro as they stand on the roll of Churches.

Second. Wilson Doll. Wharton & Baird to examine all the remainder.

On Supplies J. Paisley. Burwell & Dusenbury.

To examine Candidates on their piety. Wilson & Fearing.

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Devotional Exercises was made the order of the day for tomorrow at nine o'clock.

The Rev. Wm. J. Langdon of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The Chh. which failed to send with their Session books to the Spring meeting of 1844 were called.

Wilson Burwell & Norwood were appointed a committee to examine Candidates on all subjects & Studies required by Presbytery except Theology & Chh History. The report of the Trustees of the Caldwell Institute was read & referred to a committee consisting of Leacy Gretter Hardesty Lynch Montgomery W. Wharton & Dusenbury.

Leave was granted to the Spring Hill Chh to employ Mr Mc Bride, a licentiate of Lexington Presbytery as Stated Supply. Resolved that a meeting of this Presbytery be held at the Red House Chh. on the 14th day of May to transact all such business as may then require their attention.

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J Paisley having asked leave to resign the pastoral charge of Harmony & Red House Chhs. ordered that these chhs. be cited to appear by their Commissioners before the Presbytery at the Red-House on the 14th day of May & show cause, if any they have why the request of Mr. Paisley should not not be granted.

A Call from the Lexington Chh for the pastoral Services of Rev. A.D. Montgomery was presented to Presbytery, & being found in order was put into his hands. He having signified his acceptance of the same — A. Wilson & J.J.R. Anderson were appointed a Committee to install him pastor of said chh on the first Sabbath in June. Gretter & Carruthers to be alternates. Mr. W.S. Mebane informed Presbytery that, in accordance with a resolution passed last Spring at Madison, he had organized a chh in Stokes county called Snow Creek. Ordered that this chh be taken under the care of

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Presbytery, & respectfully [illegible] dollars for the Commissioners Fund & one for the Contingent Fund & further that the said chh have leave to employ Mr Mebane as Stated Supply.

Robert Donald a ruling Elder from Buffalo chh was enrolled as a member

J Doll. Gretter. Lacy. Mebane. ministers & John Bullock. S.V. Watkins. J. Dickenson. G. Williamson. Elders were nominated as commissioners to the General Assembly.

The report of the committee of inquiry was received. The Treasurer's report was read accepted & referred to Norwood & Sutton to audit.

John L. Lescur an Elder from Spring Garden chh was enrolled as a member

The free conversation on the state of religion was made the order of the day for tomorrow at 3 P.M.

Harding & Paisley to take notes & prepare a narrative.

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The following subjects were assigned Mr J. H. Dolton for trial pieces— Latin Exegesis. An. Sunt miracula mysteriis divinae idonea testamenta. Critical Exercise Ex. 23:12—16 Lecture Titus 3: 3 & 7. Sermon Rom. VIII. 28.

The report of the Agent on Education was made the order of the day for Saturday at 7. P. M.

A. Wilson from the Committee on examining Candidate, on their literary studies. reported that they had examined Mr N. L. Graves & John Bingham on their whole literary course & recommend that the examination be sustained as parts of trial. report adopted

N. H. Harding E. Mitchell. A D. Montgomery. O. F. Long & W. Norwood & J. L. Leseur were re-elected trustees of the Caldwell Institute— for three years.

Mr. Bingham & Graves were examined on theology in part & Adjourned till tomorrow 9. A. M.

Closed with prayer.

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April 25th Presbytery met according to adjournment Opened with prayer present as above. Minutes of yesterday were read. Presbytery spent an hour in conference & prayer. Graves & Bingham were further examined. Mr Graves read a lecture which was sustained. Mr Lacy from the committee on the report of the Trustees of the Caldwell Institute presented a majority report & Mr Harding presented a minority report, both reports were received & made the order of the day for tomorrow at 9 A. M.

Lacy. Leseur & Norwood were appointed a committee to nominate trustees of Presbytery.

Mr Bingham read a critical exercise & a lecture which were sustained.

The free conversation on the state of religion was then held & notes taken.

The Committee to whom was referred the Session books from Hillsboro to the end of the list made a report which was accepted & adopted.

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The examination of Messrs. Birjham & Graves on theology finished, & the examination was sustained. Adjourned till to-morrow

g. A. M. Closed with prayer.

April. 25th. Presbytery met according to adjournment - opened with prayer. - present as above minutes of yesterday were read.

The Committee on the Session books from ~~Hillsboro~~ Grassy Creek to Hillsbo. as they stand on the roll made a report which was accepted & adopted

The Committee to nominate trustees for the Presbytery reported the names of John W. Norwood Charles Dewey & Seamore W. Whiting) report accepted - the roll called & those above mentioned John W. Norwood - Chs. Dewey. & S. W. Wiling) were unanimously elected trustees of the Presbytery of Orange. A. G. Hughs. T. S. White had leave of absence from the remaining Sessions.

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The auditing Committee reported that they found the accounts of the Treasurer correctly kept & accompanied by the proper vouchers. report accepted & adopted.

Report of the Committee on the report of the Trustees of the Caldwell Institute being the order of the day - Mr Norwood offered the following Resolutions which were adopted

Resolved. 1. That it is expedient to remove the Caldwell Institute to a situation in ~~which~~ the health of which the public may have confidence so soon as such a situation can be secured & sufficient funds can be raised.

2. That the Trustees be directed to take measures immediately to carry into effect the above resolution & report to Presbytery at an adjourned meeting to be held at Brop road on wednesday before the 3d Sabbath in June.

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On the passing of the above resolutions Mr. Gretter called for the ayes & nays which were as follows Ays. Montgomery. Rankin. Lynch. Harding. Wilson. Burwell. Anderson Thines. Doll. Williamson. J. Wilkinson. Woods. Neil. Ector. Norwood. Baird. Huntington. Dickinson. Shead. Watkins. E. Montgomery. Lesueur. Mc. Caddin. Wilie.

Nays. Gretter J. Paisley. Sutton. Dusenbury. W. Wharton.

Excused from voting Pickard & Wilkinson

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J. Doll & D. Lacy ministers & John Bullock John Dickerson Elders were Elected Commission ers to the General Assembly. J. A. Gretter W. S. McBane. R. V. Watkins & G. Williamson alternates

The following subjects were assigned to Mr. J. A. Stanfield for his trial pieces.

Exegesis. Quid est peccatum originale

Critical Exercise Rom. 5 17th.

Lecture. Matt. V. 13-16. Sermon 2 Cor. V. 17

Meeting Resolved that the next Stated meeting be held in Hillsboro on wednesday before the first Sabbath in November. at 7 o'C. M.

The agent for the board of Education made his report which was accepted & adopted from which it appeared that only fifteen of our churches, containing less than half of our members had contributed to this cause. but that in all cases where the ministers had presented the cause to their

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Chh. something had been given-
Leave of absence was granted to G. Williamson
H. Ector- H. Mc. Caldin- H. R. Dusenbury. &
J. J. Speed. Adjourned till monday morning
at 8 A. M. Closed with prayer.

Monday morning Presbytery met
according to adjournment. Opened with prayer
present as above. Resolved that when Presbytery
adjourn from the meeting to be held at the
Red House on the 4 of May the adjournment
be to the Cross Roads on the wednesday
before the 3d Sabbath in June
J. Lesueur & R. V. Watkins had leave of absence
The Committee appointed at the last meeting
to instruct Rev J. A. Grutter pastor over the
Bethel Chh.- reported that they had not
performed that duty having been informed
by mr Grutter that he had declined the accept-
ance of the call.

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Bingham & Graves were examined on church
history, they each read a sermon- their trials
now passed through all their trials to the
full satisfaction of the presbytery. they were
licensed to preach the gospel as probationers

The Committee on Supplies made the
following report- which was adopted- Viz
Speedwell. 1st D Paisley & Sutton one Sabbath
& administer the Lords Supper. Gum Grove
Lynch & Coruthers. each one Sabbath.
Pittsboro. Mitchell one Sabbath.
Raleigh, during the absence of mr Lacy at
the Assembly- Mitchell- Phillips- Harding &
Burwell one Sabbath each.
Oxford & Bingham. 2d & 4th Sabbath, in may
& 2d in June. Also at Grapy Creek on the 3d
Sabbath in may & 3d in June.
Louisburgh. Bingham 1st Sabbath in June
Graves 1st Sabbath in may.

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During the meeting the Presbytery
having heard a letter from the Rev
J. Witherspoon D.D. The Stated Clerk was
directed to transmit to Dr Witherspoon
the resolution then passed respecting his
business.

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N. H. Harding was re-appointed agent for
the board of Education. J. A Gretter agent for
Foreign Missions. D. Lacy for Domestic Missions
& S. P. Anderson for the board of Publication

Resolved that the thanks of the Presbytery
be given to the several Chh. of Danville for
the use of their houses of worship — & to the
Citizens generally for their hospitality —

Adjourned to meet at the Red House
on the fourteenth of May
Closed with prayer & the
benediction.

N. H. Harding Stated Clerk.

Pica House. May 14th 1845.
Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Present. Rev. John Paisley. A.G. Hughes & W.C. Sutton. Ministers. With. George Williamson John L. Woods. John Wilkinson. Samuel W. Hughes. John Baird & Richard. Smith. Ruling Elders. A.G. Hugh. Moderator.*

The Rev. John Paisley asked leave to resign the pastoral charge of the Chh. of Pica House & Harmony & the said chh. signifying to Presbytery, by their commissioners (see page 462) that they did not object. The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. Paisley & the said chh. was dissolved. Rev. W.C. Sutton was directed to declare the Harmony Chh. Vacant & to supply the pulpit one Sabbath.

* W.C. Sutton. Temp. Clerk.

Pica-House.
Permission was granted to the Chh. of Fairfield &. to employ the Rev. John Paisley as stated supply.

Adjourned to meet at the Presb. Pica in Orange on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in June. Closed with prayer.

N.H. Harding Stated Clerk

Cross Roads 1845

Cross Roads June 11th 1845 Presbytery met according to adjournment constituted with prayer. Present Rev W N Mebane. Mod. E B Currie. John Witherspoon. D.D. John H Pickard. Elisha Mitchell D.D. Jesse Rankin. Thos Lynch. A H Hardaway D.D. Alexander Wilson D.D. Drury Lacy. Robert Burwell George Ferrell. James Phillip, John A Gretter J J Anderson. John Paisley. Edward Hines. A G Hughes. Wm C Sutton.

Wm Stephen White. R. J Smith. P Chandler. J J Wood. J Neal. H. Ector. A D Richmond. W J Bingham. D. Heart. J Norwood. J H Willie W D Lindsay. A M Lewis. J Dickerson. A M Scales. J. H. Hughes. J Mebane. C. Phillips. & J W Clark.

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The president of the Bd. of Trustees of the Caldwell Institute made a report respecting the several propositions from the places requesting the location of the Caldwell Institute

The following places were nominated for the location of the C. Institute. viz Oxford. Hillsboro' & Yanceyville

After much discussion the vote was taken & the result was as follows. Hillsboro' 16. Yanceyville 15. Oxford 2.

The Trustees of the Caldwell Institute were appointed a committee of presbytery to take the title for the property to be acquired at Hillsboro' & hold it for the presbytery.

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The Trustees of the Caldwell Institute were directed to transfer the House & Land belonging to the Institute in Greensboro' to the trustees of the Greensboro High School.

Adjourned to meet in Hillsboro on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in November at 7 P.M. Closed with prayer & the benediction

N. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

Minutes of the 15th Sessions of the Presbytery of Orange held in Hillsboro Oct 29 & Nov 1845

Hillsboro Oct 29th 1845

Presbytery met according to adjournment opened with a Sermon from the moderator the Rev W. M. Mclaine. Constituted with prayer. Present Rev S. D. Pickens. Eli W. Caruthers Thos Lynch. N. H. Harding D.D A. Wilson D.D. Drury Lacy. Robt Burwell George Ferrell. James Phillips. John A Gretter W. M. Mclaine. J. J. Anderson. Edward Kinsauls Jacob Doll. A. G. Hughes. W. C. Sutton. Bishops With. Sat Jeffreys. N. C. Wall. Joel Mc Lean. R. H. Scales. W. R. D. Lindsey. W. J Bingham. D. F Long. John Lacey Jas Wilson J. M. Clark. David Heart. Eph Phillips. Samuel Hughes. John Bullock. John Wilson Wm Currie & John Kelly. Elders. Rev Jas Pearson present on the 2d day.

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Absent Rev W. D Paisley. E. B Currie. John Witherspoon. D.D. Elisha Mitchell D.D. A. D. Montgomery. J. R. Owen. D. G Doak. Daniel Stratton & Edmund C. Bittinger. Bishops.

The Rev Jacob Doll was chosen moderator & J. J. D. Anderson & W. J. Bingham Temp. Clerks.

Adjourned till tomorrow at 9 A M.

Closed with prayer

Oct 30th Presbytery met according to adjournment. present as above. opened with prayer. Absentees from last meeting were called & their excuses heard. Minutes of the last stated & of the intermediate meetings were read. The Rev Gilbert Morgan of the Presbytery of Albany. & the Rev Wayne Gridley of the Congregational Association of Oneida being present were invited to sit as Corresponding members.

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The following committees were appointed
On the Minutes of the Assembly Grotter
Carruthers & Lesure. Supplies Hines.
Mebane & Jeffries. To examine candidates
on piety. A. Wilson. Lacy & J. Wilson
Devotional exercises was made the order of
the day for tomorrow at 9 eleven O'clock
A reference from the Session of the Bethlehem
Chh. was read & referd. to a committee
Consisting of Wilson. Phillips & Lesure.
The subject for foreign Missions was heard
& tomorrow at 10 A.M. was appointed as the
time for a meeting on that subject.
A meeting on the subject of Domestic
Missions was made the order of the day
for tomorrow at three in the Evening.
That part of the sentence of the Rev. A. W. Gay
who forbid any Chh. to receive him as a
member was rescinded.

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The Stated Clerk read the Presbyterial
Report to synod. who was approved.
D. Lacy & Chr. Dewey of Raleigh were
appointed a committee on the Female
Scholarship Enquiry was made respecting
the observance of the third Sabbath of the Directory
for worship & respecting the Catechising of
Children & also respecting the support of the
poor by the Chh. of which they were members
& Burwell. A. Dickson & J. L. Wood. were
appointed a committee on the case of a
member of the Little River Chh. supported
in part by the County of Orange. & report
at the next meeting of Presbytery.
The customary devotional exercises were
then held. Rev W. C. Sutton had leave
to resign the pastoral charge of the
Little River Chh

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A. Wilson & R. Burwell were appointed a committee to prepare a Presbyterial letter to the chhs. on the subject of ministerial support — the payment of the assessments of Presbytery & the support of the benevolent objects of the Chh.

J. Phillips was appointed a commissioner to confer with the Little River Chh respecting the payment of the salary of their late pastor.

A. G. Hughs Cruthers & Clark were appointed a committee to prepare a minute in reference to the death of the Rev. John Paisley & Cruthers to furnish an obituary notice of the same

The Committee on the reference from the Session of Bethlehem chh made the following report which was adopted.

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The Committee to whom was referred the case from the Bethlehem chh. have had the same under consideration. are of the opinion that there is nothing in the marriage referred to, contrary to scripture. & recommend that the Session of Bethlehem chh be advised to take no action in the case.

Rev. J. S. Scampson of the Presbytery of West-Hanover being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member

J. Gretter resigned his office as trustee of the Caldwell Institute. A. G. Hugh. appointed in his place

Chhs not represented at the last regular meeting were heard & received.

Gretter. Pickard. & Bingham were appointed a committee to examine the roll of Chhs. with a view of reporting such as may be dissolved.

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The Providence Chh. was censured for not sending up their Session book. for review & G. Ferrell was directed to inform them of the fact

Adjourned till tomorrow at 9. A.M. Closed with prayer.

Oct. 31. 9. A.M. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. Present as above.

The Rev. Gilbert Morgan having presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Albany, he was examined & received as a member.

The Commissioners to the Genl. Assembly presented their report.

The order of the day for 10. o'clock Foreign Missions was then taken up & finished. The agent for the Bd. of Publication was then heard in favour of that Bd.

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The Gen. Committee of Missions were directed to recommend the Rev W. A. Mebane to the Bd. of Missions. as a missionary for Stokes Co. with a Salary of $100 per annum. The Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly presented a report which was adopted & Gretter Rankin & Bingham were appointed a Committee to prepare resolutions on the subject of the report

The resolution appointing the Trustees of the Caldwell Inst. a committee to hold the property acquired in Hillsboro was rescinded & the following ordinance was passed. It is ordered. that all property & effects belonging to the trustees of the Caldwell Institute & which may be hereafter tendered to said Trustees. shall be conveyed to James Phillips, Osmond F. Long & William J. Bingham.

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& the survivour of them & the heirs of the survivor of them to be held by said trustees in trust for the benefit of the Caldwell Institute

The resignation of W. J. Bailey & W. J. Frankin as trustees of the Caldwell Inst was received. Bingham. Long & Phillips were appointed a committee to nominate persons to fill the vacancy

The order of the day meeting in aid of Domestic Mission, was then taken up & discussed. Dr. Wilson was heard on the condition & prospects of the Caldwell Inst. The committee to whom was assigned the duty of preparing a minute on the death of the Rev. John Paisley presented the following which was adopted & a copy ordered to be sent to his widow. Viz /

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Whereas it has pleased the great head of the Chh to remove by death one of our members. the Rev John Paisley, whose energy of mind & diligence in the study of the Bible, whose modesty & discretion of character & whose soundness in the faith combined with ardent zeal & untiring perseverance in the service of his Master had rendered him a very efficient laborer in the vineyard — & a companion of great usefulness in the Chh. Therefore Resolved

1. That while we sincerely deplore his loss as a fellow labourer in the work of the Lord, we rejoice in the evidence he gave living & dying that for him to live was Christ & to die was gain.

2. That we regard the act of God by which he has been taken away in the midst of his usefulness, as a solemn admonition to increased diligence & watchfulness —

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on our heart- that we may finish the work which has been given us to do- & that when he shall call for us we may be found like faithful servants doing his will- & may be prepared to enter on the ultimate joys of redemption.

3rd That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to the widow, with assurances not only of our high regard for him as a christian brother & faithful minister of the gospel, but of our sympathy with her in this painful trying bereavement.

The Committee on Supplies made the following report which was adopted

Bitterwer- one Sabbath in Murfreesboro
Doll. one at Warrenton. Hucks one at Grimes
Phillips one at Little River. Bingham one
at Eno. Wilson one at Fairfield. Harding
one at the Red House. Mitchell one at

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Pittsboro. Gretter one at Bethel. Fairley
one at Bethel. Pickard as much time
as he can spare at Speedwell. Rone one
at Spring Hill & communister the Supper &
the Lee. These supplies were directed to
take up collections for foreign or domestic
missions. A.G. Hughes resigned his office as
trustee of the Caldwell Institute

The committee to whom was referred the
selecting suitable persons to fill the vacan-
cies on the board of trustees of the Caldwell
Inst. reported the names of J.J.P. Anderson
Jacob Doll & John. Bullock. whereupon these
persons were elected Trustees of said Inst.

Adjourned till tomorrow 9. A.M.

Closed with prayer.

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Sat Nov 1 Presbytery met according to adjournment present as above opened with prayer. Gilb McBane was appointed a trustee of the Presbytery see page 433 in place of W. J. Bingham resigned. A letter from Rev Thos R. Owen assigning reasons for his absence was read.

The Stated Clerk was directed to write to Rev E. C. Bittinger on the subject of his protracted absence from the meetings of presbytery.

The Committee on the report of the Committee on the minutes of the Assembly made a report which was adopted. Viz Whereas the subject of Slavery is one of so peculiar a nature as that it is well calculated to elicit views & feelings of the most opposite kind when viewed in a body constituted like our Assembly of representatives from various sections of our country, divided

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especially on this subject & whereas this subject has for such a length of time agitated our highest judicatory & has put at variance many other branches of the christian Church in this land. threatening further the disruption of the union: & whereas after a fair opportunity was given for discussion on the floor of the Assembly. this body was enabled to come to an almost unanimous decision - embracing those views which we have ever cherished - which we hold to be essential to our very existence as a nation

Therefore Resolved. That this Presbytery cannot but regard an action so harmonious & so decided as brought about by the especial interposition of the Great Head of the Church & we hereby acknowledge it as such with thankfulness.

Resolved further that we feel encouraged in the assurance that the same God who has preserved us thus far in the midst of so

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many agitations will carry on our beloved
Chh. till she shall triumph over all Enemies.

The Committee on the roll of the Chh
made a report recommending the appoint-
ment of a commission to visit the following
Chh. High Rock. Speedwell, Gum Grove
Warrenton & Murfreesboro. report adopted
& Commissioners were appointed to visit the
above mentioned Chh. viz. Gretter & High-
Rock. Harding to Speedwell. Gretter to Gum-
Grove. Hines to Warrenton Wilson & Phillips.
to Murfreesboro.

Resolved that the next Stated meeting
be held in Oxford on Wednesday before the
the second Sabbath in April at 7 P. M.

Presbytery had a private meeting
on the business of Dr. Witherspoon.

Whereas reports have come to the
knowledge of this Presbytery prejudical to
the character of the Rev John Witherspoon &

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to wit that he is in the habit of using intoxicating
liquors to an injurious extent & the Presbytery having
held intersessional meetings on this subject at
Lewisburgh & Danville, having communicated
these facts fully to Dr Witherspoon & the evidence
on this subject not being sufficient to indicate
the duty of the Presbytery as to instituting
process. Therefore Resolved That Gretter
Courtney & W. D. Paisley be a committee to
inquire into the evidence respecting this
matter & report at the next meeting of
Presbytery & further that the Stated Clerk trans-
mit this minute to Dr Witherspoon.

Rev R. Burwell was directed to return the
thanks of this Presbytery to the citizens of Hills-
boro for their hospitality during the present
Session.

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The minutes were then read & approved.
Adjourned to meet at Oxford on Wednesday
before the second Sabbath in April 1846.
Closed with singing prayer & the
benediction.

J. H. Harding
Stated Clerk.

Minutes of the 152.
Sessions of the Presbytery of
Orange held at Beford of
April. 1846.

Beford April 8th 1846.
Presbytery met according to adjournment opened with a Sermon by Rev.
Jacob Doll moderator. Constituted
with prayer. Present Rev.
A. H. Harding. D.D. John. A. Gretter.
Wm. A. Mebane. J. J. P. Anderson.
Edward Hines. Jacob. Doll. Anderson.
G. Hughes, & with Wm Ector. Alexr
Dixon. Jas M. Wiggins. Wm Prankin
& J. F. Roseborough Elders.
Absent. Rev Wm D Paisley. E. B. Currie.
John. Witherspoon. D.D. J. H. Pickard.
E. Mitchell. D.D. E. W. Carruthers.
A. D. Montgomery. Jesse Prankin.

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J Lynch. A. Wilson. D.D. R. Burwell.
G. Ferrel. D. Lacy. J. Phillips. J. R. Owen.
D. Stratton. E. C. Bittinger. W. C. Sutton.
G. Morgan. & D. G. Doak.
Adjourned till tomorrow. 9. A.M.
Closed with prayer.

April. 9. Presbytery met according
to adjournment. Opened with prayer.
present as above. with. G. Ferrel.
D. Lacy. D. G. Doak. J. R. Owen.
E. C. Bittenger. Ministers & J. W. Jeffreys
Dennis Abbott. J. L. Wortham. George Foust.
J. Clark. John G. Daniel. Dr. W. Carrington
J. Wilkerson. Elders Rev A. H. Harding D.D.
was chosen moderator & W. A. Mebane.
& Jas Wiggins temporary Clerks.

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Minutes of the last meeting were read.
Letters of Excuse from the Rev. Gilbert Morgan
E. W. Crothers & Alex. Wilson. DD were read.
The following Committees were appointed.
On Session Books. 1st Gretter & Eaton to
Examin & report on the books of the churches
as they stand on the list from 1 to 14.
Mahaffy & Dixon 15 to 26. Anderson &
Rosebro' the remainder.
To examin candidates on piety. Hines
Hughes Rosebro'.
On Supplies. Hines Ferrel & W. S. Rankin
Devotional Exercises made the order of the
day this Evening at half past three o'clock.
Supplies appointed, last meeting
reported.
Free conversation on the State of
religion, made the order of the day for tomorrow
Evening at three o'clock.

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Enquiries were made respecting the poor of
the church & the Catechising of children.
The committee on the Female Scholarship made
a report which was received & the whole
business referd back to the same committee
with instructions to close the business in that
way which in their judgments shall be most
for the interests of the Presbytery.
The committee on the business of Dr
Witherspoon appointed at last meeting
made a report, which was accepted & with
accompaning papers referd to a committee
consisting of Anderson Mebane & Carrington.
The Treasurer presented his report which
was received, & referd to Jeffreys & Daniel
to audit. This committee subsequently reported
that they found the same correctly kept
& accompanied with the proper vouchers.
Adjourned till tomorrow, nine A.M.
Closed with prayer.

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April 10th Presbytery met according to adjournment, opened with prayer.

Jno. Hanton. Thos Lynch. A. Wilson. John Bullock. R. J. Smith & W. M. Lewis were re-elected trustees of the Caldwell Institute for three years.

Ordered that an adjourned meeting of Presbytery be held in Hillsboro on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in July at 7. P. M. for the purpose of transacting such business as may then be deemed necessary for the best interest of the chh. & specially to examine receive. & License candidates; to receive & ordain Licentiates.

Ordered that at the spring meeting of Presbytery a public meeting be held for the cause of Education & Publication; & in the fall for Foreign & Domestic missions.

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Anderson Gritter & Deaton were appointed to revise the assessments on the chhs for the commissioners fund & report the necessary alterations. Wm Baird Elder from Bethany took his seat in Presbytery.

Chh of Snow Creek had leave to employ Rev W. A. Milhane as Stated supply.

Rev Eli W Caruthers had leave to resign his pastoral charge of the Buffalo chh. The Commissioner from the chh having informed Presbytery, that in a regular meeting the congregation had given their consent. J. Gritter directed to declare the chh vacant. The same chh had leave to employ mr Caruthers as supply.

Mr Caruthers having by letter requested leave to resign the pastoral charge of the Alemance chh. Ordered that the said chh appear by their Commissioner before the Presbytery

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at the adjourned meeting to be held in Hillsboro' on wednesday before the 3d Sabbath in July; to show cause if any they have, why the request of mr Carruthers should not be ~~consented~~ granted.

The Spring Hill Chh had leave to employ mr Jas B. Mc Bide, a licentiate of [illegible] Presbytery as supply.

Mr Lacy had leave of absence

The first committee on Session Books reported. Report accepted & adopted.

Dr. Wm Stamps Elder from Nutbush chh took his seat in Presbytery.

Rev A. D. Montgomery appeared in Presbytery & gave his Excuse for being so late. The 2d Committee on Session Books reported. Report accepted & adopted

Free conversation on the State of religion was held Mebane taking notes, by previous appointment to prepare the narative

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Mr Platt Sturgis a member of the Danville church was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry— he was examined on personal piety his motives for desiring the ministry his examination was sustained He was taken under the care of Presbytery.

Resolved that the next regular or Fall meeting of Presbytery, be held at Spring Hill Chh, on wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in September at 11 A.M.

The New-Hope chh had leave to employ mr Phillips as supply.

Mr Sims reported the condition of the Warrenton Chh. Report adopted.

The Chhs of Little River Ens & Fairfield had leave to employ mr Currie a licentiate of the Fayetteville Presbytery as supply.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 A.M.

Closed with prayer.

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April 11th Presbytery met according to adjournment opened with prayer.
The Committee on Supplies made the following report which was adopted viz:
Each & every minister spend at least two weeks in missionary labour as follows.
Montgomery & Gretter in the Counties of Surry & Davidson. Mebane & Hines to Stokes. Anderson & Mc Bride Rockingham & Pittsylvania. South of Dan Carruthers & Hughes Randolph & Southern part of Guilford. Burwell & Bingham Chapman & Southern part of Orange. Phillips & Wilson. Northampton. Lacy & Currie, Johnson. Pickard & Herdon Southwestern part of Caswell & adjoining parts of Rockingham. Guilford & Orange Dill & Doak Person & Halifax South of Dan Ferre & Lynch Southern part of Granville Dill & Franklin. Owen & Bittenger & Graves.

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Warren & Halifax Con & Mecklenburgh South of Roanoke.

Mr Kirkpatrick was requested to supply the Warrenton Ch. one a month to which he consented. The Committee to revise the assignments for the commissioners Fund. made the following report which was adopted. Viz.

	Com.	Congt. Fund		Congt. Fund
Grassy Creek	$5	$1	Bethesda	$3. 1
Hedgefields	8	1	Stony Creek	3. 1
Red House	6	1	Grier	4. 1
Eno	3	1	Bethlehem	4. 1
Buffalo	6	1	X Roads	8. 1
New Bush	5	1	New Hope	3 1
Giliads	2	1	Bethel	4 1
Speedwell	2	1	Chapel Hill	5. 1
Gum Grove	2	1	Raleigh	12. 1
Little River	4	1	Hillsborough	6. 1
Allemance	6	1	Hillsboro	12. 1

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Newbern	12	1
Oxford	6	1
Spring Grove	5	1
Washington	12	1
Providence	5	1
Greensboro	12	1
Murfreesboro	3	1
Harmony	4	1
Milford	10	1
Danville	12	1
Lexington	8	1
Newberton	2	1
Lewisburgh	2	1
Spring Garden	8	1
Shiloh	8	1
Clarksville	12	1
High Rock	2	1
Fairfield	3	1
Spring Hill	4	1
Swan Creek	2	1

Oxford April 1846

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted. Viz

~~Resolved Jesus Christ~~ Whereas the right of our Lord Jesus Christ to the wealth of his people is inseparably connected with his right to redeem — so that to deny the one is to resist the other & thereby to exclude ourselves from all hope of salvation — & whereas the church has reached a period in her history, where the glory of her head — her own advancement & the openings of the God of Providence made for her, imperiously demand a regular supply of funds, without which all her operations will be crippled & her Energies paralized

Therefore Resolved

Before April 1846.

1st That in the judgment of this Presbytery every member of the chh is grossly delinquent in his duty, who does not contribute regularly according to his ability of that substance which God has given him, as he may have opportunity.

II. That as a Presbytery we recognise it as our solemn duty to see to it that all our chhs have at least an opportunity of pouring out of that spirit of liberality according as God has bestowed it.

III. That every minister who does not [illegible] exert himself, so that his people may have such an opportunity is chargeable in our view, with the guilt of holding back from the chh a part of her dues.

Ordered that the above resolutions be published & also be read to all our chhs.

Before April 1846.

The following named persons were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly, Ministers Anderson & Melbane principals. Hughes alternate to Anderson & Harding to Melbane. Elders Heartte & Jeffreys principals. N. M. Lewis alternate to Heartt. Cumming to Jeffreys.

Faucett, Ector, Melbane, Doak, Ferrell & Roseborough had leave of absence.

The third committee on Session Books reported. Report adopted & committee discharged.

Gen Edward Hines was appointed assistant Treasurer. Hines had leave of absence.

A public meeting in favour of the cause of education was held & the following resolutions were adopted.

1. That the state of the chh & the world require an Evangelical & Educated ministry.

Oxford. April 1846.

11. That it is the duty of the chh to provide such a ministry & that the interest felt on this subject is a good measure of the state of religion in the chh.

A collection, amounting to $35 was taken up. The following supplies were appointed for Anderson, a commissioner to the General Assembly.

Mc Bride the 3d Sabbath in June at Mercy Seat. Wilson & Gretter one Sabbath ~~one Sabbath each~~ at Dennett.

Resolved that the thanks of this Presbytery be given to the inhabitants of Oxford for their hospitality, & to the Methodist brethren for the use of their Church.

Oxford. April 1846.

Adjourned to meet in Hillsboro on Wednesday before the 3d Sabbath in July. Closed with prayer & the benediction.

N. H. Harding. Stated Clerk.

Hillsboro July 1846

Hillsboro July 15th 1846

Presbytery met according to adjournment
Present. A.G. Hughes. B. Lacy. J. Lynch.
R. Burwell. & A. Wilson D.D. Bishops. With
J.L. Lesueur. O.F. Long & Chas. Phillips Elders
A.G. Huges was appointed Moderator pro. Tem.
Opened & constituted with prayer

Mr Samuel Mc. Pheeters was Examined
on Latin. Greek & Hebrew. Adjourned till
tomorrow at Eight A.M. Closed with prayer

July 16th Presbytery met according
to adjournment opened with prayer
present as yesterday. with Jordan
C. W. Clark & J. McLean Elders.
Mr Mc Pheeters read a Latin Exegesis a
Critical Exercise, & popular Lecture. The
Latin Exegesis was referred to Burwell &
Phillips who subsequently reported, recom-
mending that it be approved. Report adopted

Hillsboro July 1846.

Rev. W.C. Sutton requested (by letter) a dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Concord, but as Presbytery had heard that there were reports in circulation injurious to his character as a christian. his request was refused for the present; & R. Burwell & J.L. Lesueur & O.F. Long were appointed a committee to inquire into these reports & rumours & to report what action ought to be taken in the case.

A letter from the Rev. E.W. Carruthers was read, asking, that all further proceedings in the matter of dissolving the pastoral relation between him & the Alexander Chh. be suspended for the present— Mr Mc. Lean the Commissioner from the said chh. stated that the congregation joined unanimously in this request— It was granted & all proceedings in the case suspended.

Hillsboro' July 1846

Mr Archebald Currie a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville was received by letter of dismission from said Presbytery under the care of this Presbytery.

The Presbytery heard Mr Mc Pheeters' trial Sermon. The Committee on the business of mr Sutton. made the following report which was adopted. The Committee to whom was referred the the subject-matter before Presbytery, in the case of mr Sutton., have had the same under consideration, & are of opinion, that Common fame against him requires, for the honour of religion, & for his justification, if innocent, an inquiry, & investigation. Your Committee therefore respectfully recommend, that proceedings in the case be forthwith instituted, & that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved that the Rev W. C Sutton. be cited & hereby is cited to appear before this

Hillsboro July 1846

Presbytery at Eno on friday before the fifth Sabbath in August. to answer to the charge of adultery. & that he be furnished with the following list of witnesses against him. to-wit. Andrew. Murdock. John J. Freeland J. L. Woods, Joel Barlow, Rev Robt Burwell & Robt Redding. Respectfully submitted

Robt Burwell
Jno L Lesueur } Committee
O F Long

Resolved that Dr. Wilson be directed to notify mr Sutton of the proceedings agst him & that mr Burwell notify the witnesses. & that the moderator, by letter, urge on all the members the necessity of a full attendance at the meeting at Eno on friday before the fifth Sabbath in August. Lacy & Long were appointed to conduct the prosecution on the part of Presbytery Mr. Mc Pheeters was examined on Theology & Church government.

Hillsboro July. 1846.

A Call from the Church of Eno for the pastoral Service of mr A. Currie was presented to Presbytery & being found in order was put into his hands & he having signified his acceptance of the same. It was resolved that Presbytery meet at Eno on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in August at 12. meridian. to. ordain & install mr Currie pastor of the Eno Church. That in these services. the Rev. A. Wilson. D.D preside, preach. & charge the people.. Rev N.H. Harding charge the pastor. Burwell alternate to Wilson. Hughes to Harding. Hebrews. 2: 17 was assigned to mr Currie for a Sermon.

Rev. J Phillips appeared in Presbytery.

Mr Mc Sheeters was examined on Church History.

Mr Mc Sheeters having passed through all the parts of trial previous to licensure, the roll was Called this examination in all its parts was unanimously sustained. after which he was licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer

according to the Form of Government Chapt XIV.

Adjourned to meet at Eno Church on friday before the fifth Sabbath in August at 12 Meridian. Closed with prayer.

N. H. Harding Stated Clk.

Eno Chh. Aug. 28th. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. Present: G. Forrest. R. Burwell. A.G. Hughes. J. Lynch. W. Sutton. C.J.S. Anderson. & A. Wilson. DD. Ministers. With W. Murray. G. Faucette. & O.F. Long ~~Elders. Hughes appointed mod. pro tem.~~ J.L. Woods. J.W. Paxton. Jas. Riley. J.W. Hughes. Elders. A.G. Hughes was appointed Mod. & J.S. Anderson Clerk.

Mr. Archibald Currie was then Examined, in reference to his ordination (See page 462) as specified in the Form of Government Chapt XV Section XI. & was sustained on all parts of trial. Ordered that his ordination take place on Sabbath morning Aug 30. That A. Wilson D.D preside. preach the Sermon & give the charge to the people. & Mr. Anderson give the charge to the Pastor. Adjourned till tomorrow at 8 A.M. to be opened with prayer.

Aug. 29. Presbytery met according to adjournment opened with prayer. Presbytery then proceeded to the trial of Rev. W.C. Sutton. the mod. giving the proper charge to the Presbytery. After a full hearing

of all the testimony & a careful examination of all the Evidence Mr Sutton was unanimously acquitted, & the following minute was adopted. The Presbytery having fully investigated the charge of adultery against the Rev. W.C. Sutton. do unanimously declare, that they believe the charge to be ~~unfounded~~ unsustained by even the shadow of proof. Ordered that a copy of this minute be put into the hands of Mr Sutton.

Mr Anderson requested leave to rest in the pastoral charge of the Danville Chh. Ordered that Mr Paxton cite the said chh. to appear by their commissioner before the presbytery at the next regular meeting & then show cause if any they have why his request shd not be granted.

The Clerk was directed to forward a certificate of dismission to the Rev Elijah Graves. the certificate sent at the time of his dismission not having reached him.

Eno August 1846

Adjourned till tomorrow at Eleven A.M.
Closed with prayer.

Aug. 30. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer.

Presbytery then proceeds to the ordination of Mr. Currie. After Sermon by A. Wilson D.D. Mr. Currie was ordained & installed pastor of the Eno Church. Wilson presiding put the Constitutional questions & gave the Charge to the people. Anderson giving the Charge to the pastor.

Adjourned to meet at Spring Hill Church. Sept. 23. 1846. Closed with prayer.

J. H. Harding, Stated Clerk.

Fayetteville N.C.

Thus far Examined & Approved

E. McNair Mo. of Lyn

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